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"I Came To Wish You Merry Christmas, But—"

An Old Friend is Puzzled

By Santa Claus

ON Christmas Day, 1914, near the Somme, I saw a sight I shall never forget. That was, you may remember, the first Christmas of a war which was to abolish war from the face of the earth forever.

In the strip of frozen mud that constituted the No Man's Land between the trenches, I saw homeless Englishmen and sentimental Wurttembergers throw down their rifles and fraternise.

Forgetting for a moment the bitter hatreds engendered by the conflict, they sang carols together. Small presents, cigarettes, and souvenirs

of their fellow-men. 'And what of the children? Do you remember what He—that Friend of mine—said? He said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me." Do you think He would like it if they crowded around Him with gas-masks hiding the terror in their innocent eyes?'

I Bring a Message

It is to the children of the world that I come each Christmas. Not only to the younger ones, but to those of more mature age who are fortunate enough to be able to retain in their hearts the spirit of childhood.



were exchanged amid laughter caused by crude attempts to converse in each other's language. A litre of German wine offered with a guttural "Prost!" passed down an English throat. The giver received in return a bit of beer and a hearty "Cheerio, mate!"

That was the true Christmas spirit—the spirit of cheerfulness, charity, and good fellowship which all men possess deep down in their hearts.

Ever since the time—sixteen centuries ago—when I, St. Nicholas, became the friend and protector of sailors, merchants, scholars and children, I have tried to foster that spirit.

"Is the World Mad?"

I have done so at the express wish of a friend—One Whose birthday you celebrate at Christmas. Yet, as I come to you this Christmas morn, my eyes are dim with tears. There must be tears in His eyes, too.

In my journey to England—a country in which I may say I have always been accorded a cheerful welcome—I have seen sad sights. I have seen the bodies of those who had been my friends slung from their childhood lying stark and cold in towns and villages devastated by bombs.

That is war!

They tell me—for I myself know nothing of politics or international affairs—that it was unavoidable. If such be the case, will you forgive an old man if he asks: "Is the world mad?"

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" In normal times that is a phrase which would be on everybody's lips at the moment. The world has marked Christmas as a time for kindness and good-fellowship—a time when all that is best in humanity should be exploited to its fullest extent.

Yet this year we are thinking of battalions and guns rather than peace and goodwill.

What of the Children?

Frankly, I am disappointed. From an experience bought so dearly at the expense of millions of lives, I had hoped that the rulers of the world would have devised means capable of rendering such sacrifice needless.

It seems that they haven't. I return this year to a devil's playground in which masses of men stand facing one another with all the machinery of war.

In cities far away from such scenes, I see factories buzzing with busy workers. They are not, as they should be, making the toys with which I should like to fill my sack for delivery to eagerly expectant children. Instead, they are feverishly cramming explosives into bombs and shells for the destruction

To all of these I shall continue to come—yes, even to those who, like you, Santa Claus, say: "There isn't any Santa Claus."

In this tragic time when, owing to circumstances, spiritual misery must to some extent usurp the feelings of joy and good-fellowship that should prevail, I bring a message.

First to him who, in his insatiable desire for power, has brought this catastrophe into being, and thus made this Christmas season one of sorrow for the children of his nation. I would remind him that sometimes I am known as Kriss Kringie, a name derived from his own language—Christ-kindel, "the little Christ-child."

I would remind him also of what my Friend—the One he has rejected, even going so far as to set himself in His place—said of him who offended against His little ones: "Better that he should have a millstone around his neck and be cast into the sea!"

To the people of the Empire which has made such great sacrifices in the cause of freedom and right, I say: "Remain loyal to that cause! Believe me, such loyalty can be made a source of happiness."

Make Others Happy

This can be the source of the greatest joy of all. Particularly in the Christmas season, I have noticed that the happiest people are those who, forgetting their own troubles, dedicate themselves to the task of making others happy.

This year will be a great opportunity for such selfless service. Take advantage of it. Try to make the lot of those too young to realize the troubles of this war-torn world a normal one.

Above all, let me counsel you not to be afraid!

Face the future with confidence. If you cannot instill light-hearted laughter into your 1940 Christmas, at least enter into it with a spirit of good-fellowship. For this one great day forget your own cares and fears. Laugh and be merry for the sake of the kiddies, and you'll find that you derive happiness from their pleasure.

Finally, it is my sincere hope that I may return next year to a world of peace—a world where hatreds and a lust for power have been abolished—a world in which nothing will exist to prevent the fullest enjoyment of my age-old greeting to all of you:

"A Merry Christmas!"



Christmas is the Season of Weird Ghost Stories

These Are Cornwall's Legends

Chased by Demons

CORNWALL, Britain's most westerly county, is a world of legend, fantasy, ghosts, and the elusive Cornish pixie. A great and terrible apparition is said to haunt Portmooor Beach at St. Ives—a huge thing, fifteen feet high, which ways its way along the beach in the moonlight.

Many legends centre around the hundreds of wrecks of the Cornish coast (writes Hugh Sansom). Hosts of these rise from the sea and sail on an unnatural breeze inland away over the hills until they are lost to sight.

But of all legends rife in this weird land of fantasy, the tale of the task of Treagagle is the most popular and well known.

Treagagle, the son of a poor man, was born at St. Breock in the seventeenth century. He became a justice, and was steward to the Earl of Radnor, who lived at Trevor. Not only was Treagagle very wealthy, but extremely powerful as well. Both his public and private lives were filled with dark deeds.

When he lay dying, innumerable devils waited for his soul, but because of his great wealth, he was buried in the church at St. Breock, and so protected from the hopeful demons. To this day, his tombstone may be seen behind the organ in the church.

After burial he was summoned for his misdemeanors, and accordingly sentenced to the hopeless task of hauling out the Dozemare Pool, near Bodmin, with a leaky limpet shell. While he did this, he was protected by holy spells, but the devils tried to drive him from his task and into their clutches.



So they raised a terrible storm, and Treagagle, terrified, fled from his work. Thrice round the pool raced the dead man, with a legion of bellowing demons at his heels. After the third round, Treagagle, unable to shake the lot off, leaped clean over the pool, and ran screaming across the Bodmin Moors. He made for the sanctuary of Roche Rock, where he stuck his head 'tween the chapel window and called on the saint to let him in.

But, of course, the holy St. Roche did not want a wicked man like Treagagle about him. So after tolerating his walling for several days, he had him transferred to Padstow, where he was set to weave ropes of sand.

Here his incessant howling disturbed the good people so much that they implored St. Petroc to remove him. He was taken this time to Bereper, about two miles south of Helston, famed for his Furry Dance.

SHU AT IT!

Here he was given the task of carrying sacks of sand across the Looe estuary and emptying them into Port Leven. But the devils were still after him. One adventurous demon managed to get between his legs and tripped him up, so that he went sprawling into the sea, scattering his load of sand. The Cornish people will tell you that to this day the split sand may be seen, and that it is known as the Looe

Bar, which blocks the sea approach to Helston.

The people of Helston, annoyed to find that their town was now an inland village, insisted that Treagagle should find other quarters, and once more the saints conveyed him to the Land's End.

There he was employed in sweeping the sand from Portmooor Cove, around Tol-pedn-Penwith, into Nanjizal Bay—and there he is still at work.

On stormy nights one can still hear this wretched sinner, tortured by the devils, bellowing incessantly in several places at once. You can hear him as he attempts to bale out the Dozemare Pool with a perforated limpet shell, or as he streaks across the Bodmin Moors to the sanctuary at Roche. His cries will come over the air on windy nights as he sweeps Portmooor Cove around to Nanjizal, and always with the devils at his heels.

The Pirate Wrecker

Another legend centres around Cape Cornwall. This tells of a truly wicked and ruthless man.

Years ago, the farmers and fishermen of the Cape Cornwall district, their work for the day over, settled down with their families to enjoy the Autumn evening. In the Sennen Cove the men were talking of the prospects of a good day's fishing on the morrow, when suddenly there was a disturbance. A ship had been sighted and was making for the cape.

It was a large, square-rigged ship, obviously a foreigner, and to judge from the sounds of men's voices, the company on board was far from de-

strable.

"A pirate! A pirate!" cried all the good folk, and the women and children ran screaming to their homesteads, while the men, taking down old muskets, waited in hiding, watching the ugly schooner.

They were surprised to see a ship lowered from her decks, and a man, a man, bound hand and foot, flung into it. A crew rowed the boat furiously ashore, where they removed the prisoner's chains and forced him into the shallow water. Having and swearing, the man turned on his shipmates, but they beat him off and returned as fast as they could to their ship, which set off westwards.

So the pirate arrived at Cape Cornwall. He was such an extremely wicked man that even a shipful of pirates would not put up with him. Acquiring a cottage at Tregesal, just north of St. Just, by some means or other, he started a career of crime. On dark, windy nights, he would drive a horse with a lantern along the cliffs, luring ships to destruction, and the crews to death. Scores of ships were destroyed and hundreds of lives lost by this ruthless man.

After years of this wickedness, the pirate-wrecker lay dying alone in his cottage. It was harvest-time and all the workers were hard at work in the fields. Suddenly, the light breeze dropped and a deathlike stillness descended. But next moment the reapers heard a rushing wind, and in that wind a terrible voice wailed and cried, leaving their blood cold.

"The hour has come, but the man has not come!" was the superhuman cry.

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CANADIAN LEGION WAR SERVICES CANTEN WORK

On November 1st, 1940, there were in operation and under the control of the C.L.W.S. accounting department at Ottawa no less than 18 dry canteens, in addition to six in Manitoba.

Some interesting facts are gleaned from the Ottawa files. For instance, during the month of July, at Valcartier camp, the following was disposed of: 768 dozen bottles of Coca-Cola, 2,428 dozen of Pepsi-Cola, 2,295 half pints of milk, 2,228 half pints of chocolate milk, 10,080 chocolate bars, 4,560 packets of cigarette tobacco and requisite number of papers. 13,692 cup cakes and 195,200 cigarettes. And during August at Petawawa: 10,740 pies, 3,040 half pints of milk, 8,260 half pints of chocolate milk and 2,265 sandwiches.

CHRISTMAS GREENS

THE custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the Yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs. To pass under holly insured good fortune throughout the year; bay meant victory, while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry. — Missouri Farmer.

Peacock Dinner English

Custom Many Years Ago

FASHIONS in Christmas dinners come and go. In olden days at a Christmas feast in England, next in importance to the boar's head as a Christmas dish was the peacock. To prepare the bird for the table was a task entailing no little trouble. The skin was first carefully stripped off with the plumage adhering. The bird was then roasted; when done, and partially cooled it was sewed up again in its feathers, its beak painted with gilt and so sent to the table. Sometimes the whole body was covered with leaf gold and a piece of cotton saturated with spirits placed in its beak and lighted before the carver commenced operations. This "food for lovers and meat for lords" was stuffed with spices and sweets, basted with yolks of eggs and served with plenty of gravy.

The noble bird was not served by common hands; that privilege was reserved for the lady guests and the "linguists" by birth or beauty. One of them carried it into the dining hall to the sounds of music, the rest of the ladies following in due order. The dish was set down before the master of the house or his most honored guest. The latest instance of peacock eating recorded was at a dinner given to William IV, when duke of Clarence, by the governor of Grenada.

Great Yule Feast Given

by King Richard in 1399

CHRISTMAS in England, of course, is an old feast day, though the Santa Claus and Christmas tree traditions come to us from another source. William E. Slous's "The English Medieval Feast" (Houghton, Mifflin) quotes from Stow's "Survey of London," an account of the great feast which King Richard gave in Westminster Hall in the year 1399, just after rebuilding the hall of William Rufus: "A most royal Christmas, with daily joustings and runnings at tilt, where unto resorted such a number of people that there was every day spent 28 or 29 oxen, and 300 sheep; besides fowl without number; he caused a gown for himself to be made of gold, garnished with pearl and precious stones, to the value of 3,000 marks; he was guarded by Cheshire men and had about him commonly 13 bishops, besides barons, knights, squires, and others more than needed; inasmuch that to the household came every day to meet 10,000 people, as appeareth by the messes told out from the kitchen to 200 servants."

Saxon Words "Waes Hael,"

Meaning "Be in Health"

CHRISTMAS fare has always occupied a big part in Yuletide celebration. Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers were excellent trencher-men, and eating and drinking were a necessary part of every gala day. Stuffed boars' heads, peacocks, geese, capons, pheasants, mince pie, plum pudding—these decked the board. The turkey was unknown. That excellent fowl did not enter into the bill of fare until the discovery of the New world. Of course, there was drink aplenty. Punch was the customary vassal bowl. This bowl takes its name from the Saxon words, "waes hael," meaning "be in health." It was a great bowl of punch into which baked apples were thrown to enhance its flavor. Mince pie originated in 1204. It first was made from mutton. The Puritans condemned it as an ungodly dish, and the Quakers would have none of it.

One Way to Keep Warm

Perhaps the best of all possible ways to keep warm during the Yule season is to become employed as the fully-outfitted Santa Claus in a basement toy department.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE



Marion—Jack is getting near-sighted. Myrtle—It doesn't follow that there is anything the matter with his eyes because he can't see you under the mistletoe.

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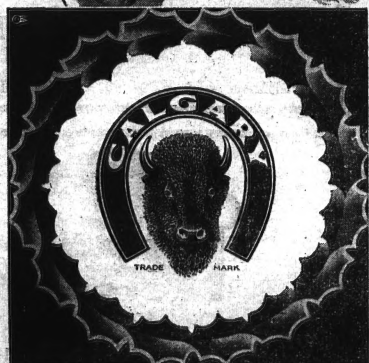


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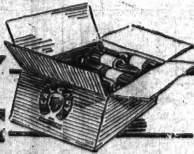
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ers, Schneider-Creusot, the plant was
taken over by the Dominion govern-
ment when France collapsed.

To direct the operation of the plant
the Dominion government com-
mandered the services of William Barna-
cal. From September 1st, the day
that war broke out, this quiet Eng-
lishman had been chief production
engineer of the Department of Mun-
itions and Supplies. Marshalling of
Canada's industrial resources for war
production has been his daily job for
fifteen months.

William Barnacal has the reputation
of being a "doer." A colleague de-
scribes him as "energetic and resource-
ful." In a not-very-talkative profes-
sion, he has earned the reputation of
tactfulness.

Armed with a degree in engineer-
ing and an apprenticeship in the
world-renowned Cammel-Laird works,
William Barnacal migrated to St.
John's, Newfoundland, in 1908, where
he worked with a shipbuilding com-
pany.

In 1910 he started a westward trek.
In Sydney, N.S., he was employed by
the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., pre-
decessor of Dominion Steel & Coal.

Two years later he joined the en-
gineering staff of Robb Engineering
Co., Amherst, N.S. In 1913 he moved
to Dundas, Ontario, where he made
machine tools for the John Bertram
Company.

In 1914, like a loyal Englishman,
he joined the 11th Battery at Hamil-
ton as a gunner. He went to France
with the First Canadian Division. In
England he was transferred to the
Imperial Artillery, 110th Battery.
Back to the Canadian Artillery again
Gunner Barnacal was commissioned
in 1915. From then to the end of the
war he moved between army intelli-
gence and artillery. In March, 1918,
he was taken out of action by a bul-
let and gas.

After demobilization he returned to
Canada. This time he went west. Un-
til 1924 he was a mechanical engineer
with West Canadian Collieries at
Blaimore, Alberta. In 1925 he went
to Manitoba Bridge, Winnipeg. When
this company became a subsidiary of
Dominion Bridge in 1930, he was ap-
pointed chief engineer of the mining
division of the latter company.

William Barnacal is a hard worker.
His new assignment offers no oppor-
tunity for indulging in his favorite
sport of boating.—Financial Post.

The new school building is nearing
completion, and is expected to be
ready for occupation after the Christ-
mas holidays. It is a beautiful build-
ing and nicely located. The Sartoris
Lumber Co. were the builders, with
"Bill" Dunkley as foreman.

The 1940-41 schedule of the Crows'
Nest Pass Intermediate Hockey
League starts on Sunday with Blair-
more at Lethbridge and Bellevue at
Coleman. Coleman will be at Blair-
more on Christmas Day; Lethbridge
at Bellevue on the 26th, and Coleman
at Lethbridge on the 29th.

Not for many years has the country
roads in the foothills, north and south
of Lundbreck and Cowley, been so
good as at present time. Up to today
one could travel by car right in to
The Gap, or out to Beaver Mines, on
roads really better than they were in
midsummer. And these roads have not
been Fallowed!

C. Campbell McLaurin, of Calgary,
independent chairman in a dispute
between the West Canadian Collier-
ies Limited, of Blaimore, and the Un-
ited Mine Workers of America, over
the discharge by the company of two
employees on ground they were loiter-
ing on the job, handed down his de-
cision, claiming that the company had
the right to discharge the men, but
recommended they be reinstated with-
out compensation for the period since
their dismissal.

EXCUSABLE FOLLY

IT IS true that men and women
at Christmas time do things
which are foolish, especially in
the giving of presents. But
when did cold wisdom ever make
people happy? Who wants to
see a Christmas when nobody
spends more than he should, or
when there is no giving of things
that are trivial or needless or
foolish? A truly sane Christ-
mas would be a miserable one.—
American Magazine.

Ancients Gave Presents

as Most People Do Now

THE custom of making presents at
Christmas is derived from very
ancient usage. It was a Teutonic
invention. In Latin countries gifts
were exchanged at New Year's, writes
James Waldo Fawcett in the Wash-
ington (D. C.) Evening Star.

The decoration of churches with
mistletoe and holly is likewise a
pagan survival.

Nativity plays and pageants trace
back to a pre-Christian era. The
sports of the Lords of Misrule in
England are supposed to be an in-
heritance from the Saturnalia of
heathen Rome.

Father Christmas or Santa Claus is
identified with St. Nicholas or Nic-
olas, and also with Knecht Ruprecht
and Robin Goodfellow. "Grinus says
that in some parts of Germany
Knecht Nicholas is merely an attendant
on the real gift-giver, who is
portrayed as an infant. Christ, and
sometimes Dame Bertha, but who is
also frequently conceived as an ugly
dwarf, called Krampus.

Carol singing by waifs, strolling
street musicians, is an old British
custom.

The first Christmas cards date
from about 1843. The setting up in Latin churches of a
Christmas creche is said to have
been originated by St. Francis.

Protect Children When

Celebrating Christmas

CHRISTMAS time being a season of
joy, every precaution should be
taken to prevent any untoward cir-
cumstances which might enter into its
celebration.

Too often the careless placing of
lighted candles has resulted in pain-
ful burns, and even death to those
participating in the Yuletide festi-
vities. "Santa Claus" has been the vic-
tim in innumerable cases.

They electric lights now are most
used in the Christmas tree, and
that reduces the fire danger ma-
terially. If candles are to be used in
the decoration—and they undoubtedly
lend an effect not to be obtained by
the electric lights—they should be
placed on the mantel and in other
secure locations where contact with
their pretty flames is not likely to
be made.

In Christmas sports involving the
highest danger, children should be
directed in their play by an older per-
son who is competent to effect a re-
cue if necessary.—Charles Frederick
Wadsworth.

Celebrated Christmas

on Way to North Pole

CAPTAIN SCOTT and his men on
their way to the Pole once cele-
brated Christmas day by having a
wash in a cupful of water each, and
by washing their shirts. On another
occasion, after dining on short rations
they kept Christmas day by consum-
ing such luxuries as raisins and choc-
olates for breakfast, and for supper
they indulged in four courses. First
of all, there was a full whack of
pemmican, with slices of horse meat
flavored with onion and curry powder
and thickened with blacuit, then ar-
rowroot, cocoa and blacuit hoosh
sweetened, then plum pudding then
cocoa with raisins, and finally a des-
sert of caranano and ginger. "After
all this," says Scott, "it was difficult
to move. Wilson and I couldn't finish
our share of the plum pudding. We
felt thoroughly warm and slept sleep-
idly." But the advance was slow
the following day owing, probably to
the righting of the night before.

A BIG STOCKING



Bobby—Say, ma,
Mother—What is it, my dear?
Bobby—It's good the foot of a moun-
tain don't have a stocking to hang up
at Christmas time.

The Season's Greetings
to the Citizens of the Crows' Nest Pass
and to
the Staff of "The Blaimore Enterprise"

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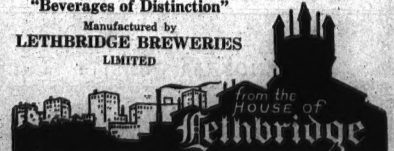


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The regular Sunday school will not be held at ten o'clock, as this is the Sunday of the month when the children join with their parents in Morning Prayer. All children of the Sunday school are urged to attend this

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion, commencing at 11.15 p.m.

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Rev. J. W. MacDonald, Minister.

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11 a.m., Senior and Junior Sunday school.
7.30 p.m., Song service; 7.45, evening worship.

Thursday, 7.30 p.m., Prayer and Bible study.
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11.00 a.m., Holiness Meeting.
3.00 p.m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., Salvation Meeting.
Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Red Shield Auxiliary and Home League.

Thursday, 8 p.m., Praise Meeting, Weddings, funerals and dedications on application to the local officers.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Near the Depot, Coleman

Services: Sunday school at 11 a.m. Morning worship at 12 noon. Street meeting at 6.30 p.m., in front of the Coleman hall. Evangelistic service at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Bible study.
Friday, 7.30 p.m., Prayer meeting.

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

AND suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, among men of good will. St. Luke 2:13.

What does Christmas mean to us? Is it just an old custom, an annual routine of cash and credit, of eating and holidaying?

Christmas is a tradition linking us with the past.

Christmas is romance. It brings back to us our childhood's thrill, its anticipations and realizations. The romance still clusters there for grown-ups.

Christmas is giving, but no ordinary giving. Christmas must be exalted to the Eternal. We make it an eternal Christmas when, by God's help, we match His gift: He forever Fleshy of our flesh; we forever spirit of His Spirit.

Christmas is good will. Often unconsciously, good will rises to the surface of our lives. Some of the selfishness is overwhelmed. We are in a mood to love everyone.

Savonarola said: unless good will is found among you, you cannot have peace.

Christmas comes to Germany with fir trees and Silent Night—but only to those of good will there. Christmas comes to Britain with yule logs and candles and carolers—but only to those of good will.

With the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long.
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong.
And man at war with man hears not
The words of peace they bring—
O listen now, ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old.
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold.
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

—REV. J. R. HAGUE, A.Th.,
Incumbent of St. Alban's, Coleman,
and St. Luke's, Blaimore, Anglican Churches.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

AT UNITED CHURCH

Central United church, Blaimore, will hold a special service on Sunday, 22nd December, at 7.30 p.m., featuring Christmas hymns and carols. As part of the service, a "Cantata" will be presented by the girls' choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Alfred McKay. The orchestra will also render valuable service, conducted by Mr. J. E. Upton. A most cordial invitation to this service is extended to all.

There will also be a service on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock in the morning.

CHRISTMASTIME

I have always thought of Christmastime as a good time; a kind, forgiving, generous, pleasant time; a time when men and women seem by one consent to open their hearts freely, and so I say, "God Bless Christmas."

—CHARLES DICKENS.

CHRISTMAS—AMIDST STRIFE

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

Once again in spirit multitudes make a pilgrimage to Bethlehem. Griefed, distraught, despairing humanity, seeks at the manger for a new way of life if happily they may find there rest from the ills that afflict them. To greater and more vast multitudes, however, Christmas means nothing at all. They are living, without God and without hope in the world. So on the one hand we have those who hope, and on the other those who are hopeless—that is without hope. The message of Bethlehem means nothing to them, and amidst strife of nations they cannot hear the song of the angels:

"But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long.
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The words of peace they bring—
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing."

Once again we greet each other with the benediction of a joyful Christmas. There is much in the world to make us sad, but Christ is our hope. The remembrance of our Saviour's Birth at Bethlehem should fill us with gladness. If He had not come, what darkness and despair would be filling our hearts now. His first advent brought peace through the cross to all who should believe on His Name. "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace." (Eph. 2:13).

Christmas declares the incarnation of Deity. Back of all the commercialism, misrepresentation, abuse and glamour, is the grand and glorious fact that God became a man, and dwelt among men. Christmas is because Jesus was born. In God's own appointed time and manner, the Child was born. Mary's first-born was the world's Creator, the Almighty in human form, Immanuel. Deity became glorified in humanity.

Miracle of all miracles, that the Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent God would ever consent to be born as a child in a manger, to be born of a woman, made under the law. We exclaim, How! How could it be? We may not understand it, but thank God we know it to be true, for the infallible Word of God declares it. "And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the sight, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into Glory." (1 Tim. 3:16). We do not know how, but thank God we know why. Our hearts are stirred when we realize He came to die for me. He came to put away my sins by the sacrifice of Himself at Calvary. "Who His own self bare our sins in His body on the tree." (1 Pet. 2:24).

May this Christmas season remind us afresh of the Lord's great redemptive work on our behalf. With all good wishes, and hearty greetings for a Blessed Christmas—blessed indeed if spent with Him.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. MacDONALD,
Pastor of Blaimore Baptist Church.

"When passing the sea-bird sanctuaries on the Gaspé Peninsula, steamers silence their whistles lest they scare the birds."

Gordon Scott, former provincial treasurer of Quebec and well known Montreal chartered accountant, lost his life in rescue operations following the torpedoing of the British ship Western Prince. He was member of the Hove commission to England.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THE question has been asked "What hope is there for the Kingdom of God ever coming if it is based on the Brotherhood of man?" Any positive answer must sound like the voice of one crying in the wilderness, and we shall cling to Christmas this year as doomed men might cling to a sinking derelict, a thing that constitutes our only hope, but it is sinking, and when it disappears all else goes with it. We shall cling to Christmas with a conscience full of guilt. Who are we to offer homage to "The Prince of Peace?"

The year that is passing has heard the loudest condemnations of the doctrine that men are brothers. Even in Canada it has been stated that those who preach that doctrine in these days should be interned. We are committed as nations that once professed Christianity that we don't want "Peace on earth and good will toward men." "We are so busy with something else that we cannot consider a cessation of hatred and violence even in honor of the Prince of Peace. War is on the throne and War says with cold-blooded audacity to the eternal Spirit of Christmas: "For once you must be still, the world is listening for the war news."

But Christmas will not be still! Santa Claus has not heard that there is a war. The poor innocent fellow will make his annual rounds, visiting families and schools and climbing down chimneys, and filling stockings. Turkey will be slaughtered and puddings will be made steaming hot while brilliant lights adorn a million Christmas trees. The angel chorus will be heard

"O'er the tumult of our life's
wild, raging sea"
and the voice of song will be so hearty that it will reach heaven before the exploding of bombs or the noise of the guns.

No power can quench the Spirit of Christmas because God has made a deposit of Himself in the human heart, and at times it will out. He still abides in sinful, warring humanity. Perhaps our tribulation is but the turbulence of divine life within the human womb; Christ about to be born again! May Christmas prove an opiate to ease our pain as it brings the assurance of the great day coming.

—REV. W. H. IRWIN,
United Church, Bellevue.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Christmas entertainment, to be held at Coleman on Monday evening next, promises to be of interest to all. The main feature of the evening is the showing of moving pictures. This has been made possible for this occasion. In addition to this, a variety programme is being arranged, in which various members of the Sunday school will take part. The singing company will also contribute an item.

The entertainment will start at 7.30, and the admission will be: adults 25 cents, children 10 cents.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Joss, long-time resident of the Pigeon district. We understand the remains will be brought to Blaimore for burial. Mrs. Joss is survived by her husband and a large family of children, two daughters of whom are married and residing in Blaimore.

"EMMANUEL... GOD WITH US"

—Matt. 1:23.

AMONG other things in one of my little Christmas messages last year, I said: The Christian must not give way to despair. He may be deprived of all earthly possessions: may share the fate of some of the peoples of some of the smaller nations of today, but he must know no defeat in the essential things of the soul. From the ashes of bombed cities and martyrs shall arise a people cleansed by the fires of affliction.

Within the past year, many more have been added to the list of martyrs, and cities with many beautiful buildings and priceless art and treasures have been laid waste, and the end is not yet. Still, at this another Christmas season we cannot help but think of the words of Jesus, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." This vision and prayer must continue to be the guiding principle of our lives.

Many of us listened to R. S. Lambert's story of the tiny English child who prayed: "Please, God, bless Daddy and Mamma and keep them safe, and—oh, God, please take good care of Yourself, for if anything happened to You we are 'sunk'." Although it may be difficult at times to realize God's nearness, He is still working in and through His people, and in the end His will must prevail. We take courage as we look forward to the future, however dark it may be, and repeat to ourselves, "Emmanuel... God with us."

It has been said that the world must henceforth choose between Christ and chaos. We have surely had enough confusion in the world to make us seek the Jesus Way of Life. It has been experienced that Jesus is the hope of all stages of human life and enterprise. He is the hope of our young life as He has always been. He respects their aims and ambitions. He stands by a rich young ruler and loves him for his morality. Jesus also is the hope of our middle life when we have begun to find our level in life, when we feel the fires within us begin to cool. Then again, Jesus is the hope of old age, when the bark is frail and we grope for some strong hand to sustain us: when friend after friend departs and we sit alone with our thoughts. What would life be without Jesus? He implants hope within us—hope of reunion with those who have gone before us and the joy of immortality with Himself. It was R. L. Stevenson who said: "Oh hope, thou art a blessed word!"

We earnestly look forward to having a message from our King again this Christmas. His message last year, with its famous quotation, sent us forward into the New Year with renewed courage and hope. I feel I can do no better than remind you of that message, especially since the clouds of war still hover over us, and are likely to become darker before the sun shines through. As was pointed out by William Lyon Phelps in the Rotarian Magazine of recent date, the King quoted from a book of poems called "The Gate of the Year," by an English poet, Louise Haskins. The little poem will speak its own message and bring its own encouragement and confidence as we stand on the threshold of another year. The poem is named GOD KNOWS.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the

A real family re-union will be enjoyed this Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Tompkins, and boy, doesn't "C.J." look young with the thoughts of it. The entire family will be home—Kathleen (Mrs. Simpson) and her husband and children from Lomond, Myles and Jack, and Helen and Frances. The Simpson family will arrive tomorrow night.

ORPHEUM

- THEATRE - BLAIRMORE -
Night Shows Start at 7.30

LAST TIME TONIGHT
Friday, December 20

NELSON EDDY
ILONA MASSEY

- in -
"BALALAIKA"

Behold the beauty of exotic song—bird Iona Massey! Hear once again the thrilling love-lyrics of impassioned Nelson Eddy!

- Also News and Cartoon -

SAT. - MON. - TUES.
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A GREAT BOOK BECOMES AN
EVEN GREATER PICTURE
TOM BROWN'S
SCHOOL DAYS

- with -
Sir Cedric Hardwicke,
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Come... See all there is to see of student life at Rugby, where boys are moulded into men... It's all on the screen.

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NEWS - ALSO -
CARTOON

hills and the breaking of the day in the lone East.

So heart be still:
What need our little life
Our human life to know
If God hath comprehension?
In all the drift about us dim
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will
Is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature: In Him
All time hath full provision.
Then rest: until
God moves to lift the veil
From our impatient eyes.
When, as the sweeter features
Of Life's stern face we hail,
Fair beyond all surmise,
God's thought around His creatures
Our mind shall fill!

—REV. E. B. ARROL, B.A.,
Central United Church, Blaimore.

BELLEVUE HAPPENINGS

The town has taken on a festive appearance with decorated Christmas trees on the street. The stores are "dressed up" with colored lights and many beautiful decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Key were week-end visitors to Calgary.

Miss Edith Kaye, who is attending a business school, is here to spend the holidays with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Padgett, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox, Jr., and son, were week-end visitors to Calgary.

Mr. W. Innis, accompanied by his daughter Betty and Miss Gladys Knowles, spent the week end in Calgary.

Mr. Chas. Emmerson is out and around again, after being confined to his home for some time.

Miss Grace Alexander was called to her home in Calgary recently, owing to the very sudden passing of her father in that city. Miss Alexander is one of the operators of the local beauty parlor and has made many friends, who all extend to her their sincere sympathy.

Store Open Dec. 23rd till 9 p.m.,
Closing at 6 p.m. on Dec. 24th

OUR PAY-DAY CASH SPECIALS

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| Winnipeg Goldeyes | Lb. 40 |
| Geese | Lb. 20 |
| Spring Chicken | Lb. 23 |
| Powl | Lb. 20 |
| CHOICE BABY BEEF— | |
| Loin Roast | Lb. 23 |
| Shoulder Roast | Lb. 15 |
| Boned and Rolled | Lb. 23 |
| Stewing Ribs | 2 Lb. 25 |
| GRAIN-FED STEER BEEF— | |
| Loin Roast | Lb. 23 |
| Boned and Rolled | Lb. 23 |
| Shoulder Roast | Lb. 15 |
| Stewing Ribs | 2 Lb. 25 |
| Lamb Leg | Lb. 23 |
| Lamb Chops | Lb. 25 |
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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Including October, Sweden's merchant marine losses in the war total 89 vessels, totalling 126,000 tons.

Apart from war prisoners, 600,000 foreigners are employed in Germany and of these 550,000 are farmhands.

The British-American ambulance corps gave 25 American ambulances to Greece. They had been donated originally for shipment to Britain.

Sir Francis Newbolt, 77, honorary professor of law in the Royal academy and writer on art subjects, died at his home in Devon, England.

An inventor exhibited a rocket motor at New York University which, he said, may revolutionize airplane speeds and give the United States world air supremacy.

British silver medals have been awarded to two Spanish seamen for gallantry and humanity in rescuing through a sea of burning oil to rescue survivors of a torpedoed oil tanker.

David A. Golden, Winnipeg, has been chosen Manitoba Rhodes scholar for 1941. W. L. Morton, chairman of the selection committee, announced Golden is in his fourth year at the University of Manitoba law school.

The new testament can be read in 17 hours and 40 minutes. That's how long it took 71 members of the Methodist church at A. M. Louth, Kas. They started at 3 o'clock and finished at 5:40 p.m. It's an annual custom.

Rubber Bits

The Merciful Man Will Be Merciful To His Beast

If one touches his tongue to a piece of steel in sub-zero weather he is unlikely to repeat the experiment of his own free will, says W. D. Albright, Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Sub-Station, Beaver Lodge, Alberta. Most persons move their eye glasses when outside long in very cold weather, and find even the dry metal painful to the bridge of the nose.

Horses, whether in spite of or because of their vegetarian diet, seem tougher than humans, yet it is not for nothing that poor Dobbin lays his ears when a bit far colder to the touch than ice is forced into his mouth.

If horses could talk, more consideration would undoubtedly be shown them. Therefore, they should be treated in the manner human beings would like to be treated if positions were reversed. Rubber bits are merciful. An alternative is a steel bit carefully wrapped with cotton or some good-wearing fabric, well flashed around the bit rings. If upon occasion an unwrapped steel bit must be put into a horse's mouth in a freezing temperature, dip it first into water to "draw the cold." Otherwise hold the bit and rings in the hands until warmed to 32 degrees Fahrenheit. "The merciful man is merciful to his beast."

Receive No News

German Soldiers in Paris Are Denied Mail From Home

Morton Dix, scenario writer, who arrived at New York from France aboard the Spanish liner Marques de Comillas, said German soldiers in Paris have been denied mail from home because some committed suicide when letters informed them relatives had been killed in British bombing raids. She added that many Frenchmen refuse to talk to Germans.

Gellak tribesmen of Siberia build boats that serve as sleds in winter.

MICKIE SAYS—

YES, SIR, I KNOW WE'RE IN 'TH DOGHOUSE NOW, BECU'YER AD READ 'STRAWBERRIES, 1¢ PER BOX'—JUST A LITTLE MISTAKE—BUT NOW I KNOW FOLKS READ YOUR AD!



Used Centuries Ago

Italian Method To Check Desertion Is Old Roman Custom

"Decimation," the shooting of every tenth man, which has been resorted to by the Italians to check the flight and desertion of their soldiers in Albania, is an old Roman custom. About 450 years before the Christian era, the aristocratic Roman consul, Appius Claudius, nicknamed Crassus, decimated the plebeians who refused to fight under him and fled before their enemies. But decimation has been practised in many countries in more modern times, sometimes as a punishment for mutiny, sometimes for cowardice; sometimes by shooting only one man in each company (the tenth), sometimes by shooting every tenth man; sometimes by lot, sometimes by number in line. The tenth man in each company was shot when the Saxons mutinied against Blucher before Waterloo. Decimation was also undertaken by Lord Essex at Dublin in 1599, by the Austrians at Leipzig in 1642, and by the French at Treves in 1870.—Toronto Star.

Has His Seaman's Papers

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Always Wanted To Be Sailor

Bobby Stap, the lad who has a passion to go down to the sea, and did—four times as a stowaway—now has his seaman's papers.

Now 16, but just as nub-nosed and freckle-faced as he was two years ago when, in the space of five months, he stowed away on four vessels and travelled some 20,000 nautical miles, Bobby has graduated, with honors, from New York Merchant Marine School.

Bobby, who expects a berth with the Clyde Mallory Line, was ordered by the children's court of New York to attend the Marine School when he returned from an illicit cruise of the Caribbean. His travels took him to England, France and South America.

Plastics From Coffee

Discovery Of New Process Will Be Welcomed By Brazil

It may be that Herbert S. Pollin will be blessed by Brazil, which has long been worried by the problem of disposing of its huge coffee crop. He has received U.S. Patent 2,207,069 for a process whereby green beans are ground and treated with a solvent to extract the oil, whereupon the linoleic and oleic fractions are taken out. These fractions, with the tannins, proteins and water-soluble materials, are remixed with the spent coffee grounds and heated to 300 degrees F. under a pressure of 300 pounds to the square inch. A dark brown powder is obtained which can be molded at 250 degrees F. under a pressure of one to two tons to the square inch.—New York Times.

Chose Specimens For Age

English Woman Collected 10,000 Buttons Which Had To Be Old

Ten thousand buttons keep Mrs. Bernardine Rathmell of Eppingham, N.I., from being bored. She assembled them all in one year, chose her specimens for age and refused to take anything less than fifty years old.

"Lots of people collect buttons," she says. "Old ladies have told me how belles in the '80s used to string 999 buttons on a 'chain chain' then wait for the right man to supply the 1,000th. Most women have the start of a good collection in their own sewing baskets. It's fun to get one old button, then search the country for a mate for it."

Turks Praise British Morale

Newspaper Says Peril Facing People Will Be Surmounted

"While Germany's morale dates only from 1934, that of England is centuries old and evolved from a complicated system of interwoven institutions," says the Tasvillierkef Ankara in an interpretation of a recent speech made by the British Prime Minister, and then observes in regard to Mr. Churchill's words: "Such frank language shows the strength of Britain's democratic spirit and the high level of the morale of the British nation in the face of the great peril with which it is confronted. Britons facing this peril will surely find a means of surmounting it."

If she scrubs, scours, bakes, washes dishes, cooks, launders, irons and sews the census man will put her down as housekeeper—no occupation.

Lorraine gave France Joan of Arc. The Cross of Lorraine is on the flag of De Gaulle. It will take more than mass deportations to make Lorraine non-French.

Eagle Squadron

Viscountess Astor Says British Empire Backed By United States

Cannet Fall

In a speech to the Eagle squadron of American volunteers in the Royal Air Force, Viscountess Astor declared that the "British empire, backed by the United States, cannot fail."

The American-born members of parliament predicted that the same 30 American volunteers now training for active service alongside British flyers would be followed by "thousands of others."

"America should know that it is really the greatest hour of trial in the history of the English-speaking people," said Lady Astor. "They may not know it, but it's their turn next."

Turning to the young Americans, organized into a volunteer air force by Col. Charles Sweeney, Lady Astor explained:

"I knew you would come. Thousands of young Americans are longing to get into this war. It is right that they should."

"As Sherman said, war is hell, but it is more terrible that the civilization we think is based on Christianity should fail."

Capt. H. H. Balfour, under-secretary for air, also spoke to the volunteers at a luncheon, saying: "We hope your squadron will be followed by the formation of other squadrons impelled by the same motives and imbued with the same ideals."

He told the flyers they could be "ambassadors as well as airmen" by spreading throughout the United States a first-hand picture of what Britain was doing.

Turning to the Battle of Britain, Capt. Balfour said:

"We are facing a new phase of the war in the concentrated attacks, night after night, on munition and industrial centres. . . . We must face the fact that front line war for the factory is here. We must add to accept the challenge which it entails."

"Please tell your fellow-countrymen in the United States, which is giving such invaluable and increasing help to our cause, that there is no limit to what we can face and accept," he went on. "Tell them that we accept the dark passages of war, as well as the successful, and that to-day we are more determined and more certain of victory than ever we have been in the past."

Not Very Much Action

Trials Of French Politicians Have Not Yet Taken Place

What has happened to the famous Riom trials, where all the best-known politicians in France were to be condemned to death?

The French magistrature has been honest throughout its history. You have only to study events towards the end of the monarchy to discover that.

Is it that the judges at Riom are honest to spite of Hitler?

There's a lot of talk but little action. The latest demand of the Nazi-written and controlled Petit Parisien is to bring M. Lebrun before the judges of Riom because he happened to be President of the Republic at the time France declared war on Germany.

But French people are beginning to clap when they see films of the damage that the R.A.F. inflict on their own Nazi-occupied towns.

Perhaps that is also a reason why the Riom legislature is slow.—London Daily Sketch.

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Australia Is Fortunate

Has Built Up Valuable Sheep Industry In Comparatively Short Time

The Victoria, B.C., Colonist, says: The vast plains of Australia carry 110,000,000 sheep, yielding annually 1,010,000,000 pounds of wool worth approximately \$200,000,000.

Although Australian flocks comprise less than one-sixth of the world's sheep, they produce more than one-quarter of the world's wool requirements, and maintain an industry with a capital value of \$3,000,000,000. And this remarkable development, from a few sheep brought out by the first colonists for meat, to an industry of world pre-eminence, has taken place in less than 150 years.

"Bob Smith and Jones proposed to Miss Brown. I wonder which was the lucky one?"

"It's too soon to say yet, but she accepted Smith."

MISSILES FOR HITLER



Shells being tested in a Canadian factory before the application of the copper driving band. Thousands of these are being turned out daily.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 22

SHARING THE SHEPHERD'S JOY (Christmas Lesson)

Golden Text: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. Luke 2:14.

Lesson: Luke 2:8-20. Devotional reading: Isaiah 9:6, 7.

Explanations and Comments Our beautiful story calls for no explanation. Let us look at it through poets' eyes.

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

And saying, "Glory to God in the highest."

And the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

And saying, "Glory to God in the highest."

And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe in the manger.

And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child.

And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds. But Mary kept these sayings, pondering them in her heart.

"Hush, my Baby, while I sing; Angels whisper that thou art King. A baby king in a manger dress! How shall the people find thee here? Will all come—poor rich, the great, The poor, and people of low estate. The old, the young, the simple, the wise, Hailing thee Lord of earth and skies?"

"Hush, my Baby, while I sing; Angels whisper that thou art King." Marion Colman.

Utilizing Farm Products

Says Canada Lags Behind In Using Modern Methods

Mrs. F. G. Millar, of Hamilton, Ont., proposed in her presidential address to the Ontario Provincial Council of Women annual convention that the organization carry on an educational campaign in regard to wheat and quick-frozen fruits.

"Here in Canada we are lagging many years behind the United States in general knowledge of modern methods of utilizing and preserving farm products," Mrs. Millar said.

"Our legislators still think of wheat as food only, and jam as the end-all of early fruits."

She recommended that Canada's "great wheat surplus" be given to Great Britain. As to the future, "it is madness to suggest curtailing good acreage next year, with half the world starving. The war might end any day, and every bushel be required."

"But supposing great crops continue—why is the production of power alcohol blocked in Canada? These questions need earnest study and councils alone offer the women of farm and city a forum for exchanging viewpoints."

Minerals, chiefly copper, gold, diamonds, tin and radium, make up 64 per cent of the Belgian Congo's exports.

Meteorites are fragments that chance to survive when a meteor entering our atmosphere bursts from the increase of pressure.

Health LEAGUE of CANADA
presents
TOPICS of VITAL INTEREST
by **DR. J. W. S. McCULLOUGH**
PASTEURIZATION OF MILK

Resolution passed by the Canadian Public Health Association at their recent convention at Winnipeg, urging that all provincial governments enact legislation that will result in compulsory pasteurization of milk meets with the endorsement of the Health League of Canada, according to an editorial in the current issue of "Health."

For many years the Canadian Public Health Association has endorsed the protective value of the pasteurization of milk. They point out that the practicability of pasteurization has been demonstrated in urban communities of 500 population or over and even in many rural communities on a province-wide basis.

The Public Health Association also passed a resolution urging that municipal and provincial health authorities appoint only certified sanitary inspectors for full-time appointments, and part-time appointments wherever possible.

Pointing out that the industrial effort of Canada must be maintained at a maximum for war purposes, the association urged that employees in war industry be given the advantages of regular health supervision at their work, analogous in principle to that provided for the armed forces.

White bread provided about one-third of the nutritive requirements of the average Canadian diet, states another resolution, which stated that the Dominion Government be urged to take steps with the advice of its Council on Nutrition, to assure that the diet of the people of Canada shall not lack the benefits to be derived from the use of bread containing wheat germ.

Editorial Note: Readers who would like a valuable set of articles on the Cause and Control of Cancer may obtain them—free of all charge—by writing to The Health League of Canada, Dept. W.N.U., 111 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ont. and asking that they be sent. McCullough's articles on Cancer, and print your name and address plainly.

Relief Of Hardship

Tea And Sandwich Canteen Carries On In London

A form of enterprise for the relief of hardship in the poorer parts of London, and one which is to be hoped will develop on a large scale, is the tea and sandwich canteen.

A fine example of this work is "Topsy's Canteen" on a densely populated area on the Surrey side. Miss Violet Markham started it "as an example to others" out of her own means. The canteen is near one of the largest London shelters and is open in the afternoon until dusk and open again at 6 p.m.

Women working, spend all day cutting sandwiches, buttering buns and making tea. On their way to the shelter in the afternoon men, women and children flock into the canteen for a snack or to take some food to the shelter with them.

In the morning they come back for an early breakfast after a scarcely comfortable night. The food is sold at cost price, or less. A large mug of milk for the children, or of tea for adults, one penny; a large meat or cheese or salmon sandwich, one penny—these are typical prices. The people cannot speak too highly of the canteen, which, they say, has solved most of their food problems.—Manchester Guardian.

Special Badge Approved

The King has approved a special badge for members of the time bomb disposal squads. The badge is slightly larger than a half dollar and shows an orange bomb on a red background. It will be worn on the left sleeve between the elbow and wrist.

Ceylon tea planters have arranged to contribute a day's pay a month to a central fund for war purposes.

On the average, the English channel is calm 20 days of every month.

A camel can take 15 gallons of water in one drink.

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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

To all our writers, readers, advertisers and friends, The Blaimore Enterprise extends sincere good wishes for a

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and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HOW DIFFERENT!

The Boys' Parliament premier is neither attorney-general nor minister of education. Dr. George W. Kerby, of Calgary, is lieutenant-governor, and no attempt has been made by the premier to make matters uncomfortable for him. The premier has no sympathy for Hitler or his dictatorial methods.

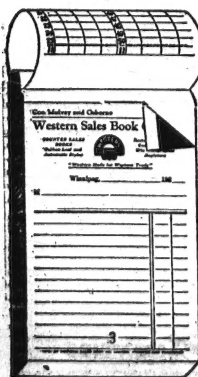
ELKS TO INSTALL JAN. 7

At the Elks' regular meeting on Tuesday, the following officers were elected: T. J. Costigan, I.P.E.R.; W. Meier, exalted ruler; Tony Schneid, leading knight; Frank J. Lamey, loyal knight; George Meffan, lecturing knight; R. C. Old, secretary (re-elected); Frank Freeman, treasurer (re-elected); Fred Gilroy, inner guard; A. Avalado, tiler; T. Vejprava, J. L. Green and R. W. Harold Pinkney, trustees.

Installation will take place on the night of Tuesday, January 7th, to be followed by a social evening.

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Rallying to support the Navy League of Canada in its work of assisting widows and orphans of men of the Merchant Marine and their dependents; maintaining Sailors' Homes and Institutes in our large Canadian ports and from coast to coast, and looking after the welfare of the seamen when ashore; training boys and young men and helping to make better Canadian citizens of them, the citizens of Blaimore subscribed \$35.00 and of Frank \$3.50 to this cause in a recent campaign here conducted by Fred Cooke, organizer of the Alberta Division, 1107, 15th Avenue west, Calgary.

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NEWS FROM EDMONTON

(T. B. Windsor)

Edmonton, Dec. 16.—There are a lot of people in Alberta, as well as other parts of the Dominion, including those who claim to be monetary reformers, who are urging the government at Ottawa to pay for the war by manufacturing money.

In the city of Lethbridge, about two weeks ago, Hon. Solon E. Low, provincial treasurer, while delivering a speech urged that the Dominion should "keep all its gold within Canada," instead of using it for the purposes of foreign exchange, or in settlement of external debts. He suggested that the government should start printing bushels of dollar bills against this gold reserve of the Dominion.

Apart from the sheer nonsense of the idea, it is clear that there would be no way for the country to get along without foreign exchange. This is especially so in the case of the United States, owing to the fact that Canada is dependent on that country for vital war supplies as well as ordinary peace time requirements.

Then, too, there is another angle, to the matter. Are these alleged monetary reformers hoping to avoid the cost of war by manufacturing printing-press money? Or are they trying to avoid payment of taxes? Are they objecting to paying their share of the cost in the fight for the liberty of the nation, which includes themselves? It looks very much as though they—these monetary reformers—are trying to get along very comfortably without cost to themselves, and to leave the whole war effort to those dozens of thousands of men who are fighting for them? Those young fighting men in Britain and Egypt, are not trying to sidestep their responsibilities; on the contrary they are giving everything they have—they are ready to give up their lives. They are not wasting their time trying to dope out some ridiculous theory by which they could get passes for fighting, or something or somebody to do their fighting for them. One is led to ask why should people who are safely behind the fighting lines try to avoid even the most comfortable part of the war—staying securely behind the lines and paying nothing but money?

Nearly two hundred delegates from the various constituencies in Alberta—57 altogether—met in their first convention of the Independents' movement in the Macdonald hotel, Edmonton, Saturday. Preliminary work had been accomplished Friday by the executive committee, and when the convention got under way Saturday everything went as smoothly as clock-work.

There was a striking difference between the convention and that recently held by the Social Credit League in the same place. The press was admitted to all sessions and made welcome. There was no secrecy or mystery, nothing to hide, about the convention.

The agenda was crowded with numerous resolutions, the most important of which was one approving implementation of the Rowell-Sirois commission report in the best interest of Canada. This report was introduced by D. M. Duggan, former Conservative leader and chairman of the committee that prepared it. He stressed the fact that it should be made clear to the government at Ottawa that Premier Aberhart and his administration do not represent the majority of the people of Alberta, or even of their views on the report.

The resolution urging the report's adoption and presentation to both the provincial and federal governments, was passed by a standing vote unanimously.

Harry Drew, well known and experienced butcher of Pincher Creek, has taken over the management of John Kubik's meat department, and assumed his new duties this week. Mr. and Mrs. Drew are taking up residence in Blaimore, and many of their old friends will be glad to welcome them.

THE HOME PAPER

The paper came and now the old folks sit

Tenderly reading every word of it.

They're living at the Coast . . . and all they know

is back there in a land of wind and snow.

That's why they tell the couldn't stand the cold.

For blood runs thin and sluggish when you're old.

And now they sit among the blooming flowers

In solid comfort . . . yet the summer hours

Drag by, and there is nothing much to do.

No baking . . . when you only cook for two

You buy the bread . . . and dad just never took

To passing long, long hours with a book.

They love their little garden and the way

The lawn stays green . . . and in the month of May

The trees flame out like brides to greet the spring

And all the holly bells of heaven ring

Across the lawn where daisies nod their heads

And hold communion in their sunny beds.

Yet when the precious home-town paper comes

They gloat about it, all the tiny crumbs

Of news, they gather up like miser's gold.

Pore over all the paragraphs and hold

The sheet aside and talk with eyes aglow

Of dear old neighbors of the long ago.

For every item is a personal thing

They know the folks, and so the columns ring

Small bells within their hearts, for they can see

The faces of old neighbors tenderly.

And though they go their lonely ways apart,

Still they are members of a small town's heart.

—EDNA JAKES.

"Many of my plans are maniacal!"

—Hitler.

A feature of the Elks' social evening program on January 7th will be the clog dance by Mark Sartoris and his cement leg.

Man has been traced to 30,000 B.C.

That must be near Fernie. Ask Mitt.

Several local Scotch women brought their baby buggies out this week. In the hope they would be filled before returning home.

Mr. Totten is relieving agent at the Blaimore depot in the absence of G. A. Passmore.

The Public Service Vehicles Act has been amended whereby the regulation requiring the use of a liquid fire extinguisher upon every public vehicle shall not apply to such vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of grain, fodder, coal, granite, railway ties, clay, brick, sand, lime, stone or gravel.

Miss Berta Harmer returned from Calgary on Tuesday and will spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with her parents here.

The engagement is announced of Sarah Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, of Redcliff, to Gordon Port Trotman, of Crow's Nest, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Trotman, of Medicine Hat, the marriage to take place at Redcliff on January the 2nd.

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Lest We Forget

WHILE we celebrate this Season of Goodwill in comfort, our brothers, sisters and comrades across the sea live 'neath the shadow of death . . . death let loose from the skies by the monstrous hordes of Nazidom and Paganism.

At this season we are particularly reminded of the debt we owe to those whose service and sacrifice make it possible for us to enjoy our Christmas midst the carefree happiness of children and fond parents . . . those valiant men who patrol the skies, man the ships, stand by the guns, and place their all — even unto life itself, between us and the enemy.

How can we pay our debt to them?

The least we can do is to Save every dollar that we can and lend it to Canada, so that Canada can provide everything in munitions and equipment to fortify these men for the defence of our country and our civilization.

Our savings should be invested in War Savings Certificates, and we should continue to save and invest in War Savings Certificates until Victory is won.

The widow's mite counts as much as the more fortunate ones' plenty, as evidence of service, sacrifice and determination.

So then, whatever else you do at this Christmas season, save and invest in War Savings Certificates. The very consciousness of your service in the Defence of your homeland will make greater your personal enjoyment of Christmas.

W. H. Somerville and de Gaspé Beaubien, Joint National Chairmen, War Savings Committee, Ontario



DR. HENRY F. ANGUS.

who will give the week-end Review on Sunday, December 22nd, at 4:30 p.m. M.S.T. He is professor of Economics at the University of British Columbia.

Teacher: "Mary, can you tell how many bushels of wheat were shipped out of the United States in given year?"

Mary: "Yes, miss. In 1492, none."

Teacher: "Johnny, spell weather?"

Johnny: "W-e-e-t-h-e-r."

Teacher: "You're wrong. That's about the worst spell of weather we have had in a year."



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Christmas Essentially the Day of the Child

DECEMBER the 25th is the Day of the Child.

It is upon this day of days that countless men and women who little know how to speak their language after the great rejoicing: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

Even those who hold creeds in which there is no Christmas feel the spirit of that cry, and those who have no formal creed at all, still know there is one of the 365 portions of the year which is essentially the Day of the Child.

It is the day when even the most unsentimental adult, long since cooled and hardened by the years, can hear in his heart the footsteps of the little ones. Today they are running about as eagerly all over the world pattering to see what good gifts may have been received, ardent with a hope that only young hearts can feel.

On this day the austere scientist who has almost quit believing in the very existence of a child himself, and considers it hard indeed if he cannot believe in Santa Claus, heard of fairy godfather of the children.

On this day even those who have been the most careless feel like saying over reverently that beautiful prayer for wisdom in the rearing of children:

"Almighty God, heavenly Father, who hast blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us light and strength as to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and of good report."

For on this Day of the Child we all remember that the most precious gift we can bestow upon our children is a capacity for feeling just such tender and generous and helpful emotions as today stir in the hearts of all good men and women.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Wreaths, Garlands Gay

Shout "Merry Christmas!"

WHAT a joy it is to come into a home scented with spicy pine and hemlock, so suggestive of Yuletide that each room fairly shouts "Merry Christmas!" And what a real pleasure, too, to gather the greens and dispose them so that they express all the kindness of the blessed season, intensifying the delights of the "friendliest" period of the year!

As garlands, the various types of greens may decorate windows and doors, or they may be massed on mantels or tables.

To make a flexible rope of greenery, supply a foundation of heavy twine and to this attach the short sprays of pine, hemlock or spruce, in tempered regularity with clusters of laurel; or for a more decorative effect use the artificial berries with the greens. Fine flexible wire is best for fastening the sprays in place.

Another use for greens is in the formation of window wreaths. Arrange the small sprays on a heavy wire foundation, taking care to keep the wreath symmetrical. Small groups of red berries, regularly placed, give character to such a decoration.

"A Merry Christmas," as Other Nations Say It

THIS is how the nations of the world express the wish "A Merry Christmas": France: Bon Noël; China, Tin Hao Nian; Portugal, Boas Festas; Japan, Kings Shinsen; Turkey, Ichok Yillar; Hungary, Boldog Karácsonyi Ünnepek; Greece, Christyionis; Croatia, Sretan Bozic; Poland, Ken Vrochli Kerstine; Spain, Felices Pascuas; Germany, Froehliche Weihnachten; Sweden, Glad Jula; Italy, Felice Natale; Rumania, Christmas Felicitations; Bohemia, Ve selo Vanoce; Poland, Wesołych Świąt; Denmark, Glædelig Jul.

THREE CELEBRATIONS

THREE Christmases are celebrated every year in the Church of Nativity at Bethlehem. The first occurs in the Roman Catholic section on December 25; 13 days later the Greek orthodox church hold their celebrations; to be followed by those of the Armenian church in another 13 days.

Selecting Christmas Cards

We unconsciously betray our true selves when we select Christmas cards. People who live in city apartments are apt to send drawings of furnishings that nestle cozily among tall trees; a lawyer's holiday card is likely to be sugary with sentiment.—Collier's Weekly.

Hard to Answer

Boy—Mamma!
Tired Mother—Well!
Boy—When Santa Claus was a little boy, who filled his stockings?—The Country House.



SURPRISE PACKAGES

Artillery officers check shells in a magazine beneath one of Canada's great coastal defence guns. These can be hurled for miles at any enemy who ventures near the Dominion's shores.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith were Calgary visitors during the week.

The regular Christmas Eve service will be held at St. Anne's Catholic church, commencing at the usual hour.

We regret that Cowley items have not reached us in time for this issue, but will appear next week.

A considerable amount of first-class Canadian mail was carried by the Western Prince, torpedoed in mid-Atlantic last Saturday, estimated at 240 bags.

A New Glasgow man was recently fined \$10 and \$3 costs for buying empty beer bottles from minors, contrary to the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act.

There's only one "I" in Hitler, and that's the real hell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brusset are visiting in Calgary for a few days.

Most of the children of the Blairmore school have undergone vaccination during the past two weeks.

Following this war, Christianity should prosper, for no one will want to go to hell if Hitler's there—and he will be, enthroned with the other satanic majesty.

Patient Parent: "What on earth is the matter now?"

Young Hopeful (who has been tithing with his bigger brother): "Willie dropped the towel in the water, and he's dried me wetter 'n I was before!"

Mrs. Ann B. Bantel, 51, of Markham, The remains of Gordon Porter were laid to rest at Education on Monday, mother's funeral, when the car in which funeral services conducted by Dr. which she was a passenger turned F. S. McCall, principal of Alberta over in a ditch. The car was driven, College. The Masonic last rites were by her son, who suffered a shaking up, performed at the graveside.

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Wrap Swift's Premium Ham loosely in glassine wrapper or heavy paper. Bake, fat side up, on rack in open pan on a slow (325° F.) oven without water. Cooking time: large ham (over 13 lbs.), 13 minutes per lb.; smaller ham, 18 minutes per lb.; half ham, 22 minutes per lb. Remove paper and skin; brown cover with brown sugar syrup. Brown in a hot oven (400° F.), basting several times with the syrup. Decorate with holly leaves cut from large green cranberries (or Angelica) and glazed cranberries. Serve with Brussels sprouts, boiled chestnuts, and cups of glazed cranberries.

A tip to Santa Claus!

Swift's Premium Hams make wonderful Christmas presents. Order them from your dealer now, in gay holiday wrappings, to be sent out later on. Or deliver them yourself on your Christmas Eve rounds.

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For many years and perhaps at no time in history have the words of any song so stirred the imagination of the people of this country as "There'll Always Be An England," the current popular melody, the tune and the words with which it is associated, so strongly, deeply and completely integrated with the war for liberty and freedom.

The song is destined to go down in history as a classic. When the story of this war, the most important, the most far reaching in its effects and influence on the destiny of the whole world, comes to be written in clear perspective, this song will be given the same place of honor as the tale. No history of this war will be complete without some reference to it, because of the profound influence it has had, and having and will have upon the attitude of the Canadian people towards the conflict in which they are now engaged.

When "There'll Always Be An England" first began to seep into the public consciousness it was immediately accepted as epigrammatic of the fine spirit with which the people of Britain are lacking an heroic task. Audiences experienced a glow of admiration for the people of the "tight little isle" as they took up the refrain with enthusiasm, but, at first, the warmth that it engendered conveyed a note of detachment, the enthusiasm of a spectator witnessing some magnificent achievement, rather than that of a participant.

But this note changed into something deeper and greater as the fight for Britain intensified, as the realization grew in the minds of the people of this country that it is their battle that is being waged in the skies over the little island and in the waters that surround it, that victory is as essential to us as it is to them.

As the conviction grew that the truth behind "There'll Always Be An England" was broad enough to embrace and, in fact, does embrace the sons and daughters of Britain throughout the Empire, the words assumed a new meaning for the people of this country and presently the refrain rolled out with the added grandeur of fervor, the fervor that comes with dedication to a great cause which touches intimately the lives and the very existence of the singers.

All of which indicates that this process of conviction, that this is just as much our war as it is Britain's war, is somewhat slow and it is essential that it be speeded up if the day when victory is to crown our efforts is to be brought to the earliest possible date. The importance of the speediest possible victory can scarcely be over-emphasized. The more protracted it is, the greater will be the waste of lives, resources and treasure and the nearer the approach to exhaustion.

Full Participation

In Great Britain now, an "all out" war is being waged. It is equally important that Canada's participation be on the same scale and effort intensified to the same degree. In Great Britain it is "tears and blood and toil and sweat." In this country the war effort must likewise be attuned to equality of sacrifice with those over there who are being bombed out of their homes, if we are to do our share in the preservation of our great heritage.

What does that involve? It means nothing for us who at present sleep securely in our beds at night and eat our fill three times a day, unless we are making real sacrifices; unless we are giving or lending every penny that can be spared from absolute necessities to purchase ships and tanks, arms and munitions, food and supplies to back up the greater sacrifices being made by our own sons who have gone forth to battle and our kith and kin on the other side of the Atlantic who are doing and dying for the preservation of our rights, our privileges, our liberties.

If we are not doing all this and more, we are not yet pulling our full weight in the boat. Vigorous strokes of the oar and full sweep are called for on the part of all if victory is to be won as speedily as possible. Even then it may be a long time before we can say "Our task is done and well done." With those in the forefront of the battle we may have to endure tears and blood and sweat for some time to come, but the greater intensity we put into it, the sooner it will be over, the sooner we will be able to set about the business of rehabilitation and the reconstruction of a world fit to live in.

Yes, There'll Always Be An England. We know that. It must be an England whose glories we can always share, whose burdens we have helped to ease to the full extent of our abilities and whose traditions will always be our traditions.

A Real Treat

Have You Tried Making Ice Cream At Home Late?

If you haven't, you've missed a treat because making ice cream at home can be so simple and economical, during the cold winter months. Get a package of Jell-O Ice Cream powder from your grocer. You are sure to be delighted with the superb ice cream you can make, in a few minutes, by simply adding sugar and rich milk or cream and using your window sill for a freezer.

Just think what this means too easily make ice cream for desserts, parties, social and special treats for the kiddies.

And here's a tip for grocers! Stock up now with all five delicious flavours. Your customers will be asking for Jell-O Ice Cream Powder which is being regularly advertised.

Prisoners of war in Europe number 2,500,000 according to an estimate believed conservative.

The world's largest Swiss cheese factory is located at Antigo, Wis., and not in Switzerland.

GIFT OF SPIRITRE

Gift of a Spitfire fighter plane for the defence of Britain, donated by the management and employees of the Parker Fountain Pen Company, Limited, has been accepted by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, according to a cable received at Toronto. Employees of the firm volunteered to donate a day's work each as their share. This idea of large organizations donating fighter planes is growing, and is very welcome indeed to the C.O.D. crew.

A polar bear, says Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, has partly webbed toes, and huge fat feet which serve both as paddles and snowshoes.

Children gain weight more rapidly in autumn and winter than in spring and summer, but gain height faster in spring and summer.

Roman roads built before the birth of Christ now are lighted by electricity.

The earth gets less than a two-billionth part of the energy radiated by the sun.

Rescue Work

Group Of Army And Navy Officers From London Rescue Squad

Bored with inactivity, a group of army and navy officers formed their own air raid rescue squad, went out during the nightly raids and brought to safety many men and women trapped in the basements or shelters. In one case, they led a party which saved three women from a basement.

Two of the squad were in the Royal Engineers and another was a submarine lieutenant home on leave. One was from South Africa, another in the Royal Naval Reserve and the company included two Americans who went to London with the Canadian Active Service Force. They "wangled" a truck and rescue tackle and got to work.

"We started this business partly because life is so dull for us people on leave here and partly for a more serious reason," an engineer officer said. "Our serious reason was that we felt the existing rescue service could usefully be supplemented by other technical knowledge and equipment."

"We wanted to show that if more army equipment were made available to the civilian people of people willing and able to use it for rescue work in their own time. I could guarantee any night to get between 600 and 700 men to work in rescue parties."

"We have been helped by Dominion soldiers. There are hundreds of Canadian, Australian and New Zealand men just aching for a chance to do something."

Their work one night enabled a street to be opened. Bombs had hit a church, burying the verger and his wife in the ruins. They worked four hours removing debris. The party saved the wife but found the verger dead.

One of the volunteer squad was shell-shocked in France and when given leave, he told to avoid London because the excitement might be bad. He's wondering what the doctors would say if they knew how he had spent several nights.

Like Canadian Bacon

Bacon From Canada Is Well Received In Britain

Bacon from Canada is pleasing the English palate, but the other half of the inalienable breakfast combination is mighty scarce at the British table, according to housewives arriving in Canada from Britain.

"Eggs are worth their weight in gold," declared one woman. Another said she had not seen an egg for weeks. A third claimed eggs were almost impossible to buy unless one knew a farmer.

Told that Canada had this year shipped more than 10,000,000 dozen eggs to the United Kingdom, against a normal year's export of 1,000,000 dozen, they hazarded a guess that the British Ministry of Food was probably holding the eggs in storage.

But, even lacking the eggs, the Canadian bacon stands ace-high with the Britons. "It's not like what we had in the last war," said an old soldier. "After 1918 I didn't touch bacon for 10 years."

SELECTED RECIPES

PIRATE BARS

14 Christie's Graham Wafers
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups dates
3 eggs, well beaten
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup chopped nut meats
1 cup brown sugar
Crumble wafers fine and mix with salt and baking powder and add chopped pitted dates and nuts. Beat the eggs and sugar together and combine the two mixtures, mixing thoroughly. Turn into well buttered shallow pan. Bake in moderate oven (400 degrees F.) 20-25 minutes. Cut in bars while warm. Twelve to sixteen bars. Preparation 12 minutes.

CHOP SUEY

2 cups boiling water
3 bouillon cubes
3 tablespoons Soy Sauce
1 pound dried beef pork
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup mushrooms
1 cup sliced onion
3 cups celery strips
3 tablespoons butter
4 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies
Four boiling water over bouillon cubes and Soy Sauce to make stock. Brown meat well in heavy frying pan. Blend in flour; remove from heat. Stir in stock slowly. Add mushrooms and mushroom juice, onion and celery. Cover and cook slowly about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Combine melted butter and heated Rice Krispies. Serve hot Chop Suey around a mound of rice krispies. Yield: Four servings.

A New York physician states that a young child's appetite naturally slumps when growth rate decreases in the second and third year.

The planet Saturn's nine moons do not all move in the same direction.

Depends On Imports

Great Britain Grows Only Ten Per Cent. Of Onions Used

Onions are rapidly disappearing from the shops, or are being sold at such prohibitive prices that cook can no longer afford to purchase her great standby. Yet in theory the onion will grow anywhere—though every allotment-holder has his doubts regarding this.

Official figures support the view that onions are not easy to grow. It is estimated that only 10 per cent. of the onions used in Great Britain are home grown, that one per cent. come from various corners of the Empire, and that we rely on foreign producers for the remaining 89 per cent.

The 10 per cent. represents a mere 6,800 tons out of our total annual consumption of approximately 225,000 tons.

Onions, apart from potatoes, are the only vegetable considered worthy of separate mention in official returns. Carrots, cabbages and all other varieties are grouped together under the comprehensive title of "other vegetables." In the course of a year imports of onions are valued at \$2,000,000.

To-day nearly all the old sources of supply of onions are closed. Holland was the main contributor with about 100,000 tons a year. Spain used to supply about half this quantity, but since the Civil War her exports to this country have fallen to 10,000 tons a year.

Italy, Portugal and the Channel Islands formerly made up a large share of our imports, but all these sources have been closed.

Only one real friend remains. That is Egypt, which has consistently supplied about one-quarter of our total requirements, or nearly 60,000 tons of onions a year. These are still arriving, though transport difficulties are adding to the price and causing delay in delivery.

Last year we paid the foreigner £2,000,000 for our onions. The money is still available and will be gladly paid to any country which likes to seize the opportunity of capturing a valuable market.—London Evening News.

Childish Habit

Easy Solution For Parents To Prevent Thumb Sucking

Parents would do more for their thumb-sucking offspring by seeking a psychological substitute for the habit. That is the belief of Dr. George W. Teuscher, assistant professor of child dentistry at Northwestern University.

In studying 173 children with the habit he found that all but three suffered from deformities of the lips, jaws and teeth, he reports in the Journal of the American Dental Association.

The easiest solution for parents is to prevent formation of the habit, but where thumb-sucking is already being practiced, mechanical contrivances, sometimes are effective in checking it.

Dr. Teuscher would prefer, however, that parents study the individual child to determine the best "psychological formula" for correction, even though this approach frequently involves parents' education in child development.

Teach children healthier habits, Dr. Teuscher says, and some 18 per cent. of the mouth deformities in the United States eventually will be eliminated.

U.S. Navy

German Form A Large Number Of Enlisted Men

A United States navy department report showed that except for the Philippines, Canada and Guam, Germany furnished more foreign-born enlisted men in the navy than any other country. Italy followed closely behind Germany.

The Philippines led the list of foreign born with 1,878, a decrease of 115 from the previous year. Canada provided 611, an increase of 122; and Guam 557, an increase of 152. Germany's total of 231 was an increase of 48 over the previous year; Italy 218, an increase of 53.

Business Seems Good

Mint At Denver, Colorado, Working At Capacity Making Coins

Having trouble making enough money? So is the Denver mint. Although it is working at capacity three shifts seven days a week—the mint is behind on treasury orders for the first time since the First Great War. Mint officials attribute the increased demand for coins to Christmas shopping, the buying of more coin machines in use and generally better business.

Bank Heads, Confident of Victory, See New Problems, New Opportunities Facing Canadians

BANK OF MONTREAL'S 123rd ANNUAL MEETING

Culminating a comprehensive review of the Canadian business scene that reflected the increasingly important part which this institution is playing in the financing of Canada's war effort, G. W. Spencey, on behalf of himself and his fellow general manager, Jackson Dodds, O.B.E., declared that as the bank entered upon its 124th year of operation, "we are determined to play our full part in this national effort and we look forward with confidence to the achievement of victory which is now the primary and all-important consideration."

The president said that while Canada was at present on the crest of a wave from a business viewpoint, with employment higher than in any previous period and industrial output on a swiftly rising scale, it must not be forgotten that there will be an aftermath. He declared, therefore, that "it behooves us all while contributing to the utmost in the prosecution of the war, to keep in mind the adjustments which will later become necessary."

War Factor Dominates Business Indices

In reviewing the business situation, the president observed that while a year ago business was just beginning to feel the impact of war conditions, today the usual economic indices no longer gave the true picture of the ebb and flow of business because of the over-riding influence of the mobilization and the progressive utilization of every asset the country possessed for the most intensive prosecution of the war.

Pointing to the fact that through the Price Control Board the government is zealously seeking to stabilize prices and that the Excess Profits Tax largely eliminates competitive profits in the expectation of rising prices would be equally against the interests of the banks, their customers and the public generally.

According to one prediction, automobiles of the future will have body and interior color with color as an inherent part of the material.

War-stricken areas of Norway have received 400 pre-fabricated timber houses donated by Swedish organizations and are to receive 600 more.

The Danube river is neither beautiful nor blue.

manufacturing, are not unduly inflated.

General Manager's Address

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Net profits of \$3,436,000 were down by \$27,000 when compared with the previous year. "This result," said the general manager, "is not unsatisfactory in view of the fact that taxes paid to the Dominion and Provincial Governments during the year were \$729,000 higher at \$1,928,000, accounted for principally by the higher rate of Dominion taxation. The increased revenue to offset these additional charges and other heavier operating costs was obtained chiefly from commercial loans which for the year averaged about 22 per cent. higher."

The rise of industrial activity, he said, has stimulated new demands for credit, which are welcomed by the bank. He warned, however, that the bank has a special duty to perform in the discouraging of speculative tendencies and that, accordingly, the financing of abnormal inventories carried for purely speculative purposes in the expectation of rising prices would be equally against the interests of the banks, their customers and the public generally.

Britain has ruled that couples getting married may have extra rations of tea, sugar, butter, and meat for the wedding reception.

A bed blanket that can be converted into a robe and hood for wear in sudden emergencies has been invented in England.

In Italy bagpipes are as numerous as in Scotland.

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GRIM STORY OF ITALIAN DEFEAT IN DESERT WAR

London.—Steel-shod jaws of a carefully-prepared British trap have sprung shut to bite off the head of Italy's boasted army of attack in Egypt, and rock Rome anew with tidings of disaster.

A grim story of defeat, more crushing perhaps in its potential effect upon the course of the war than the Greek rout of Italian invading hosts, awaits official telling in Italy. It will test rigorously Mussolini's boast that his war bulletin to his people are "documentations of truth."

British estimates of the number of prisoners taken are soaring into high figures. Each new Cairo bulletin steps up the aggregate. Prime Minister Churchill reported parliament for announcement that three or more Italian divisions had been gobbled.

That would mean substantially a sixth at least of Marshal Graziani's once powerful striking force. Add probably Italian casualties and stragglers and a quarter or more of his total army seems to have been put out of action in four days.

Authoritative figures of Graziani's full strength are lacking. It has been estimated at from 150,000 to 250,000 men. The cream of his army is unquestionably intact, but the now lost Sidi Barrani spearhead and has been destroyed.

Those divisions were the cutting edge of the Italian thrust at the Suez canal. They were shock troops, native and Italian. Their loss is irreplaceable because replacements cannot be sent from Italy to Africa through Britain's tightened Mediterranean blockade.

British press reports of a general retreat by remnants of the Italian advance forces in Egypt sound plausible. Thousands of troops unquestionably were scattered westward from Sidi Barrani to the Libyan border, along the slender but exposed 75-mile Italian supply line. The bulk of them necessarily were weak troops, not fighters. They were there to maintain essential and difficult service for the front.

Prolonged resistance to a westward lunge by the victory-flushed British troops and their free French allies seems impossible. The Italian retreat route probably is badly cluttered by wreckage of the shattered advance army and its supporting service. To bring up fresh shock divisions against that morale-breaking situation and under fire of Italian bombers and long-range naval guns would be difficult, even if Graziani has such fighting units to call upon.

There is still lacking, however, a vital piece in the picture puzzle of Italy's new defeat. There is as yet no adequate explanation of Italian surrenders mounting in big figures.

It may be that the Italian army in Egypt was touched with the same apathy that obviously marked the Fascists in Albania. As reflections of public war morale, the Italian disasters in Albania and Egypt could be of more importance than can be measured by military yardsticks. They could mean the beginning of the end for Mussolini, if not Hitler.

Advisory Board Formed

Will Control Appeals For Funds For Voluntary War Work

Ottawa.—The National war services department announced formation of an advisory board to control appeals for funds for voluntary war work.

The board, to be known as the national war services advisory board, is headed by C. L. Burton of Toronto, and includes a representative from each province as well as representatives of five voluntary war service organizations.

The board will require production of audited statements of expenditures of all organizations and check the amounts to be asked of the public and the purpose proposed for use. It will regulate dates of appeals.

Unimportant Episodes

Berlin.—According to Nazi spokesmen, British success in Egypt and the Greek victory in Albania are "mere episodes exaggerated into tragedies." "The Axis course, both military and economic, remains absolutely unshaken by these episodes," they said.

Natural Air Raid Shelters

Inhabitants of one Kent village have natural air raid shelters for their protection. They go to the famous caves in the neighborhood.

Submarine Menace

R.A.F. To Play More Important Part In Protective Measures

London.—Britain is seeking to meet the menace of submarines and long-range German flying boats to shipping in the vital western approaches by increasing the admiralty control over the Royal Air Force coastal command and by providing it with additional planes.

Prime Minister Churchill in announcing the new policy in the House of Commons, resisted, however, agitation to divorce this service from the Royal Air Force and then to place it directly under the admiralty. For some time there have been suggestions that the admiralty alone should direct the work of these shore-based planes which escort convoys and hunt submarines.

The R.A.F. has operated the command in consultation with the admiralty. Mr. Churchill said the "operational policy of the command must be determined by the admiralty, of course in consultation with the air officer commanding in chief."

Mr. Churchill told the house he had reached the conclusion that while there is no need at present to change the coastal command as part of the R.A.F., it is necessary that the command should play a more important part than hitherto in trade protection, and for this purpose a substantial increase will be necessary.

The question was raised by A. Hopkinson, Nationalist, who asked the prime minister to take steps to "investigate the possibility of a more important part in the connection and particularly those newspapers controlled by Lord Beaverbrook," the minister for aircraft production.

Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard and has been urging more planes for the navy and naval control over shore-based aircraft.

Replying to Mr. Hopkinson in an editorial, the Standard said it believed the experiment of the fleet air arm had proven so successful it might usefully be extended.

The paper argued the admiralty has the biggest task to fulfil in this war, and since it is responsible for bringing ships here it should have direction over all means to do it.

Capture German Freighter

Dutch Destroyer Van Kinsbergen Intercepts The Rhein

Rotterdam.—The Dutch naval service department announced the German freighter Rhein, which slipped out of Tampico, Mexico, Nov. 29 to run the British blockade, was in possession of the Dutch destroyer Van Kinsbergen off the coast of Cuba.

The Nazi crew attempted to scuttle their ship, the navy announced, said, before abandoning her. Another source had reported earlier a Netherlands warship "intercepted" the Rhein and that fire was observed aboard the freighter.

The dash toward a German port which the Rhein started on Nov. 29 was the freighter's second attempt to slip through the British naval cordon. On Nov. 19 the Rhein, together with the Idarwald and the Phrygia, left Tampico to run the blockade but sighted unidentified warships a few hours afterwards. The Rhein and the Idarwald scurried back to Tampico but the Phrygia's crew scuttled her in the belief the naval units sighted were enemy craft.

The news that one or more Netherlands naval units are working with the British vessels in patrolling western Atlantic waters came as something of a surprise here. There had been no previous indication The Netherlands navy was represented in new world operations.

Given Scholarship

Young Rigby, Who Won World's Wheat Crown, Receives Recognition

Edmonton.—Recognizing the grain-growing honors won for Alberta by Francis Lloyd Rigby, 22-year-old world wheat king from Wembley, Alta., the provincial government has decided to award him a scholarship worth \$664 at the University of Alberta. Premier Abernethy announced Young Rigby won the world's wheat crown at the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago in 1938, 1939 and this year.

The scholarship is equivalent to two winter years in agriculture at the University of Alberta, where Rigby is a student.

Airmen From Rhodesia

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.—Southern Rhodesia will supply 1,800 pilots, 240 air observers and 340 air gunners a year when the local section of the Empire air training scheme comes into operation in the middle of next year.

Honor Roll

Established By The War Savings Committee To Stimulate Interest

Ottawa.—An "honor roll" has been established by the war savings committee for those firms and employees with a high percentage of subscriptions for regular purchase of war savings certificates. It was announced.

Four quarterly awards will be made each year of bronze, silver and gold seals to be affixed to the honor roll certificates.

To become eligible for the honor roll a firm and its employees must have 75 per cent of their number registered as regular subscribers for war certificates purchases.

From 75 to 89 per cent participation entitles a firm to a bronze seal, 90 to 99 per cent a silver seal, and for 100 per cent a gold seal. First awards will be made early in the new year.

BRITISH SUCCESS LESSENS TENSION IN THE BALKANS

LONDON.—Britain's offensive in Egypt, besides driving the Italians out of their important supply base, Sidi Barrani, is having powerful repercussions on the Mediterranean war map from Gibraltar to the Suez canal.

In the eyes of invasion-dreading Balkan neutrals, including Turkey, the British successes virtually have nullified for months to come the possibility of a Nazi-Fascist march eastward to crack the British sea blockade. That is sharply reflected in abandonment by Turkey of nightly "black out" precautions against possible German or Italian air attack.

The neutral Balkan trio—Turkey, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia—already stoutly resisting German political and diplomatic overtures with strong indications of Russian backing, give signs of even greater anti-axis leanings. If the British attack in Egypt produces another Italian army disaster, it will check that obstacle to Berlin's grand strategy in the east.

The effect on Spanish policy of Italian reverses at the hands of the British and Greeks must be reckoned with. Gen. Franco is probably much further from actively joining the axis partnership than he was a few days ago. He also may wait and see what happens in Egypt. British apprehension over the Gibraltar bastion cannot now be great.

The jeremiad from Berlin at events in Albania and Egypt, characterizing them as mere passing episodes of the war and not of serious effect on axis grand strategy, ignores one vitally important factor. That is that the British stroke in Egypt already has cut down impermissibly Marshal Graziani's chances of renewing his own attack even if he escapes defeat or rout of his forces. He is using up precious stores of fuel and munitions that cannot be replaced through Britain's sea blockade; using them in a fight for life, not for attack.



AIR COMMODORE G. O. JOHNSON who is Member for Organization and Training of the Air Council.

Saguenay Encounter

Submarine Believed To Have Been Hit By Fire From Destroyer

London.—The submarine that torpedoed the Canadian destroyer Saguenay is believed to have been hit by a salvo fired by the destroyer in its battle with the U-boat, according to A. J. McWhinnie, the Daily Herald's naval correspondent.

McWhinnie was aboard another destroyer to which 81 men from the Saguenay, 18 of them wounded, were transferred after the torpedoing.

"For days the Saguenay had been sailing in company with us escorting the convoy," he wrote.

"In the pitch black darkness of the Atlantic night a torpedo hit her. One of the Saguenay's guns spat out and there is reason to believe the U-boat was hit."

The first job of the warship in which he was sailing was to smash at the submarine. McWhinnie's account continued.

"For hours in the night the seas were searched. With dawn we were racing back to the Canadian destroyer."

McWhinnie's ship flashed "well done" to Cmdr. George Miles and the Saguenay's commander, replying, said he was determined to reach port under his own steam.

Before undertaking the hazardous trip he asked the other warship to take on the wounded, the ship's code and papers. The men were transferred in a whaler while the injured sailors sang hilariously songs and twanged guitars to cheer their wounded companions.

Admiralty workmen are now swarming over H.M.C.S. Saguenay, repairing damage suffered by the sturdy destroyer.

Less Revenue

Lower Income Tax Return In Manitoba

Winnipeg.—A substantially lower income tax return in Manitoba next year was predicted in the legislature by Provincial Treasurer Stuart Garson.

Mr. Garson told the house that increased war expenditures by the Dominion government probably would result in a drop of as much as \$250,000 to \$300,000 in income tax revenues. He explained that federal income tax paid by Manitoba residents is exempt from the provincial tax.

TWO OF A KIND



This is the latest picture of Fuehrer Hitler of Germany, and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, taken at Florence when they conferred on the Balkan situation recently. They don't look quite so happy this time. Apparently the Axis is having Greece trouble.

Butter Stocks Down

Figures Show 15.5 Per Cent Reduction Compared To Last Year

Ottawa.—Sharp reduction in stocks of Canadian-made butter at Dec. 1, as compared with the same date last year, was reported by the Dominion bureau of statistics in final revised figures.

Total holdings of butter in cold storage plants and dairy factories amounted to 41,768,020 pounds, compared with 49,429,463 pounds at Dec. 1, 1939—a decrease of about 15.5 per cent.

An official of the wartime prices and trade board said the board would study these figures closely, to see whether the "considerable" reduction was an indication of an approaching butter shortage.

Recently the board indicated it might find it necessary to fix the price of butter if a marked price rise occurred.

While he emphasized the situation has not progressed yet to a point where action must be taken, the official said if a serious shortage does occur, "a rise in the price of butter, automatically curtailing domestic consumption, might be an alternative to rationing which would be very difficult to put into effect."

Financial Aid For China

Britain Grants \$44,500,000 To Government Of Chiang Kai-Shek

London.—Financial aid totalling \$44,500,000 has been granted to Chiang Kai-Shek's government by Great Britain, Richard Butler, under secretary for foreign affairs, told the House of Commons.

It will take two forms: half in credits to be used by China in countries within the sterling bloc, and half to strengthen the Chinese stabilization fund.

DOMINIONS ARE URGED TO MAKE MORE SACRIFICES

Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, Eng.

Canada and the other dominions are urged by Lord Stamp to join with the United Kingdom in tightening their belts and reducing home consumption so that the war effort may be increased to the utmost peak.

Speaking at a War-Weapons-Week luncheon, the chief economic adviser to the British government addressed his words particularly to the dominions, explaining that people overseas did not realize the contribution they would make to the war effort by "doing without things they don't really need."

"There is no doubt," he said, "that the imagination can be very generally fired by the appeal for more production as a contribution to the war effort." In fact, the dominions were playing a heavy roll.

"But it appears less to the average human nature to make our contribution by way of reducing consumption. It is less heroic, less romantic. Yet every pound of lessened personal consumption is just as valuable a contribution to the war effort as a pound of production."

The most valuable kind of abstinence, he said, is that which spares "our ships and our demand for dollars." Britain's requirements from the United States are on such a huge scale and the need for dollars so great "that the necessity to avoid using dollars wherever possible is immense."

Lord Stamp said "tightening of the belt" in the United Kingdom at present "does not apply to all our way of life . . . but only to current consumption of new food, recreations, new clothing . . ." One thing of which we must get rid, he added, is "the notion that it is necessarily a fine thing to carry on as usual in our way of life." People could well practice any kind of abstinence "that does not actually lower our strength and power."

It was not much use saving the effort of the British workers in making things the people in the United Kingdom could do without, if the same workers were going to be occupied by making things for export to other parts of the Empire which "can equally do without."

The people in all the dominions, he hoped, would realize the importance of this plea, concluded Lord Stamp, "and one can almost hope that we shall soon arrive at the stage when citizens in all parts of the Empire will actually live with 'each other, not only in productive increase, but also in the self-denying ordinances that they both preach and practice.'"

FASCISTS EXPLAIN CAUSE OF DEBACLE ON GREEK FRONT

Rome.—Roberto Farinacci, editor of Il Regime Fascista, indicated that Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who resigned last week as Italian chief of staff, had told friends that he was opposed to the Italian campaign in Greece and that more divisions were needed to start it than he had at his disposal.

Farinacci, who first accused the high command of "untimeliness and imprudence" Nov. 23, wrote: "Someone who should have had every reason to keep still went around declaring in drawing rooms, hunting preserves and to clusters of his beneficiaries that he did not want the undertaking and a greater number of divisions would be necessary to carry it out."

"It is well then that it be known that 'someone' assumed the undertaking without reservations to carry out the action to the finish with forces already existing in Albania. Everything else is contrary to the truth."

It would be "infantile," Farinacci wrote, to try to lay responsibility on the political command when it is the duty of the technical military organization to carry out the war.

The government, he said, has not spared money on the army, having spent 170,000,000,000 lire (nominally \$8,500,000,000) in preparing it. Therefore the government "had the right to armed forces which would defend themselves in full war efficiency at a time of hard testing."

Regime Fascists joined all other Italian papers in saying it was indispensable that the Italian people should be heart and soul with the army at this time.

Fascist newspapers warned the Italian people against "false news of imaginary catastrophes" for Italian arms, which, it was charged, British agents inside Italy are spreading in an attempt to destroy morale.

Widespread publication was given to news that Adechi Serena, secretary of Il Giornale d'Italia to accuse the former leaders of Fascist "action squads." These were the party's street fighting forces in the early days of Fascism.

Virginia Gayda, the frequent press voice of Mussolini, used three columns of Il Giornale d'Italia to accuse British propaganda agents inside Italy of combining with the foreign radio to retail "insidious" reports of Fascist reverses.

Start Training Next Month

First Canadian Draft For Netherlands Army Called Up

Ottawa.—Netherlands soldiers recruited in Canada will form part of a force designed to aid the Allies in defeating the Germans and to maintain order and stability in their homeland after the withdrawal or collapse of the enemy, said G. J. Sas, chief of the Netherlands military mission, said.

Gathered from all parts of Canada the first Canadian draft of some 300 men for the Netherlands army will start training at Stratford, Ont., Jan. 15. While most are of military age and were called into the service, a number of volunteers are outside the draft age limit, of 20 to 26 years. Calling up of these Netherlands nationals was with the full consent of Dominion authorities.

Steps now are under way to enlist Netherlands resident in the United States.

At Stratford the troops will receive elementary training for six weeks and then proceed to England to enter regular formations of the Netherlands army, and receive advanced training.

Col. Sas said it was hoped to have a formation of Hollanders ready to take over each city and key centre of the Netherlands when Nazi might is broken.

The Netherlands army now in England consists of troops who escaped from Holland when the country was occupied by the Germans and Netherlands citizens resident in Great Britain who were called to the colors.

Saw Parcels Paired

London.—Lady Tweedsmuir, representing the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, visited Canadian Red Cross headquarters here, and watched the packing of 20 Christmas parcels for Canadian prisoners in Germany who have no next of kin in the United Kingdom. They are mostly airmen.

Local public and high schools will close today for the Christmas holidays, to resume on January 6th.

Christmas trees again adorn the front of several business places in Bellevue, particularly the Bellevue Bakery. Store windows are also very neatly dressed.

"Miss Green, do let me help you to more pudding."

"Well, thanks," said the young woman, "I will take some more, but only a mouthful, please."

"Bella," said the hostess to the parlor maid, "fill Miss Green's plate."

Caught in a blizzard early in the week, we were obliged to seek shelter behind Wislett's Christmas tree.

Constable and Mrs. James Simpson and children will arrive Saturday from London to spend the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins and family.

C. Sartoris left yesterday on an enforced holiday trip, in which he expects to travel as far as Windsor and Detroit, and will likely call at the little villages of Toronto and Montreal.

He expects to be away six or seven weeks in search of better health.

Local and General Items

The Editor will be glad to receive items for this section, regarding visitors entertained, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, showers, presentations, anniversaries, etc. Phone items in to 11 or hand them in at The Enterprise office not later than Thursday evenings.

A. E. Ferguson is sporting a new model Studebaker sedan.

A parody on "Roll Out The Barrel" is entitled "Roll Out The Bombers."

If you really want a Christmas parcel, they can be had c.o.d. at the post office.

Dr. H. M. McCaffery has been elected president of the Brooks board of trade.

Private T. Grant was home for a few days last week, returning to Calgary on Friday.

Lance-Corp. Ed. Bernard is up from the Lethbridge training camp on Christmas leave.

Mrs. and Miss Martin and Miss B. C. Sellon have moved into a new house in South Blaimore.

Boy Scouts of McGregor, Manitoba, purchased an old buggy for \$5.00 and from it built a war service trekcar.

The Alberta (Tuxis) Boys' Parliament will convene in Calgary December 27 to 31 inclusive. Premier Bob Torrance will preside.

The Macleod air training school opened for its first class on Monday of this week, but the official opening took place on Wednesday.

As you start to scan through the numerous greetings in this issue, of The Enterprise, be prepared to sing "Is my name written there?"

Hitler was seen on his knees a few days ago before the great Jew, and he was saying: "Dear Moses, tell me how you got across that Strip of Water?"

Owing to adverse economic conditions, the Rex Meat Market at Hillcrest has been closed. The store was established by the late Harry Orr in 1927.

Christmas dinners and parcels will be provided for Canadian troops in hospital in Britain by the Canadian Red Cross Society's overseas representatives.

James R. Warner, who a couple of weeks ago suffered a shakeup in a fall from a ladder, resumed his post as janitor at the central school early in the week.

A very pleasing musical entertainment was staged in the Oliva hall last night, under direction of Mr. W. G. Moffatt. Many local district artists and organizations took part.

The final edition of the 1940 volume of The Enterprise, No. 52, Volume 31, will appear on Friday next. The following week we enter upon our thirty-second year. We take this opportunity to thank all who have helped us to carry on.

There will be special Christmas services both morning and evening at Blaimore Baptist church on Sunday next, at the usual hours. Rev. J. W. McDonald, having returned from supplying at the Red Deer church for the past two Sundays, will have charge of the services.

Members of the local lodge of Elks were hosts to their ladies following the regular meeting on Tuesday night. Cards and other games and music were featured and with a dainty luncheon much enjoyed. Officers for the next term were elected at the meeting and will be installed shortly.

The holiday festivities announced through large posters from The Enterprise presses include the Christmas ball in the Sartoris hall on the night of December 24th, the Columbus Club grand annual dance in the Columbus hall on the night of December 25th, and the Big Un, the Elks' 17th annual ball on the night of New Year's Eve, also in Columbus hall. All three promise to be well attended and enjoyable.

Monday was "tag day" for Frank the Kid.

Bobby Rannan is with the air force at Calgary.

Revie Walker is in training with troops at Calgary.

Hitler will yet succeed in uniting all other nations against him.

His Majesty King George VI. observed his 45th birthday on Saturday last.

Canada's prime minister, W. L. Mackenzie King, celebrated his 66th birthday on Tuesday.

Britain's food ministry has set the price of undressed Christmas turkeys at 63 cents per pound.

Daniel Elton, 65, brother of Mayor Dave Elton of Lethbridge, died at Salt Lake City on Monday.

The first newspaper to arrive at our office this season in Christmas garb was the Strathmore Standard.

Mr. Forsey, representing the Trusts & Guarantee Co. Limited, was in town from Calgary during the week.

For stealing a letter from His Majesty's mail, Mervyn S. Munder, Sunnyside postmaster, will serve three years in jail.

In order to make it safer for the public over the Yuletide, local Elks shed their horns the early part of this week.

Mrs. J. W. Gresham is still in Calgary undergoing medical treatment, and is not likely to be home for Christmas.

Next to having a door knob come off in your hand, the emptiest feeling is stepping on a running board that isn't there.

At St. Luke's Anglican church, celebration of Holy Communion will take place at 11.15 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Tuesday next, December 24th.

In our last issue we announced that "a black lady's coat awaited the owner at our office," and that evening a real nigger called to get the article.

Foss Boulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boulton, of Coleman, has been promoted to the post of flight lieutenant at No. 3 flying school, Calgary.

Sister Marie Clarisse, 73, Sister Superior at the Lacombe Home, and one of those responsible for its institution, died Sunday morning at the home.

Chinese across Canada intend to boycott a wholesale fruit company which, they say, is the only large organization this year marketing Japanese oranges.

Mrs. W. R. Atkinson, of Todd Creek, motored to Calgary over the week end, and was accompanied back by Mr. Atkinson, who is on Christmas leave from the C.A.S.F.

For the benefit of Christmas pilgrims, the local liquor store will be kept open every evening during the week till 8 o'clock, between December 20th and New Year's Eve.

The Enterprise Christmas Number is "printed," and one need not be ashamed of it if forwarded to friends anywhere. There are other sheets that are a disgrace to any community. We have them in the Crows' Nest Pass.

Regardless of the ruling handed down by Attorney-General Aberhart, the Coleman school board will not permit pupils refusing to salute the flag to attend school. Edmonton board is believed to be taking a somewhat similar stand, but will take the matter to court, in which case they will have the moral support of Coleman and probably all other school districts in the province that are truly British.

Buy War Savings Certificates.

All doors facing the southwest should be kept closed these evenings. Cunningham's comet is travelling faster than an airplane.

The skull and crossbones flag flies over police headquarters in Boston, Mass., whenever an automobile fatality occurs in that city.

George Maniquet and James Turner sustained injuries in the local mine on Tuesday evening, and were admitted to hospital for treatment.

The refreshment room at the Bellevue Inn has been made quite attractive for the festive season. The large open fireplace is aglow and beautifully trimmed.

Hon. C. D. Howe and his party are reported to have landed safely in England. Their ship, the Western Prince, was torpedoed about midway across the Atlantic. One member of the party is believed to have been lost.

Joe Steffano had a narrow escape from death when he stumbled over a new growth of mushrooms and dandelions on Monday. He was able to resume his post at the mine on Tuesday.

Since writing an item appearing elsewhere in our columns, we learn that Mark Sartoris has re-adopted the crutches to practice backing up Mussolini fashion. But he can't make the same speed.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Spurgeon Simister, who died December 20th, 1935.

"Time may heal the broken-hearted,
Time may make the wound less sore;
But time will never stop that longing
For the loved one gone before."
—Ever remembered by Mother and Betty.

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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S

SINGLE FARE and ONE-QUARTER

FOR ROUND TRIP

CHRISTMAS

GOING Dec. 23 to Dec. 25
If no train Dec. 23, tickets will be sold Dec. 22.

RETURN until Jan. 26
If no train Dec. 26, good next available train.

NEW YEAR'S

GOING Dec. 30 to Jan. 1
If no train Dec. 30, tickets will be sold Dec. 29.

RETURN until Jan. 7
If no train Jan. 2, good next available train.

FOR CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S
SINGLE FARE and ONE-THIRD FOR ROUND TRIP
GOOD DEC. 20 to JAN. 1 RETURN UNTIL JAN. 7

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S.O.S

from BRITAIN

The following cable has just been received by Lt. Col. E. A. Oliver, Acting General Manager of Canadian Legion War Services, Inc., in Ottawa, from Lt. Col. D. E. Macintyre, now in Great Britain on a tour of inspection:

"Urge Buckshee Fund to Increase Efforts as Comforts Needed in Large Quantities"

One cent each week in a Buckshee Fund collection box from every adult Canadian will provide enough money to meet this urgent demand. Surely that is not too much to ask!

Each cent contributed will provide 4½ FREE cigarettes. Won't you plan to contribute YOUR cent regularly each week—more if you can afford it?

THE BUCKSHEE FUND

"BUCKSHEE" IS ARMY SLANG FOR SOMETHING FREE

Collection boxes at B.E.S.L. Clubrooms and at Hotels

The Management Committee wishes to express appreciation of the generosity of The Enterprise in donating this advertisement.

(Signed) W. W. P. GIBSON, Chairman.

A Right Joyous Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to all

**HOME BUILDERS'
HARDWARE**
G. H. Snod, Mgr.
BLAIRMORE : ALBERTA

Really, our first reminder that it was nearing Christmas was a sack of beautiful fresh walnuts received on December the 9th from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Drumm, of Fillmore, California. Calls to mind the good old days before 1909 when Mark Drumm published The Frank Paper at Frank and built the residence on Blossomwood Ranch now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Kotas. Boy, dem was de days! Thanks!

CANADA IN THE VAN

"Der Northwestern," German language weekly, Winnipeg, editorial in German and English:

Canada is turning her faith into deeds. In her crusade against the evil things for which she, with the Empire, took up arms 16 months ago, she is in the vanguard. In full co-operation with the United States, this Dominion helps to guard the freedom of the Western Hemisphere from those who seek to destroy it. From all the great cities of Canada, from the prairie farms, from the mines, from the French-Canadian valley of the St. Lawrence, from the seamen of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, men in every walk of life are already in Britain, taking part in the gallant defence of those islands which to us, in this new land, have always been the symbols of justice, liberty and freedom. From Canada went side by side the Anglo-Saxon and French-Canadian, Canadian citizens of German extraction, as well as Ukrainians, Czechs, Poles, Croatsians and not a few from the land over which the unfortunate Mussolini had way for the time being. Tens of thousands more are in training here, ready to follow their comrades across the sea and add their might in the great offensive that is to come before a complete victory is assured.

SALVATION ARMY NATIONAL DRIVE FOR FUNDS IN SPRING

Due to heavy demands of its Auxiliary War Services for troop camps, both C.A.S.F. and N.P.A.M., provided at the request and under the direction of the Canadian Department of National Defence, Ottawa, the Salvation Army has found it necessary to prepare for a national drive for funds on March 10th to 19th, inclusive, next spring.

"The objective has been set at \$1,500,000. Quotas for individual communities and districts are now being worked out at national headquarters at Toronto. Sir Edward Beatty, C.B.E., K.C., LL.D., president of the C.P.R., has accepted the position of national chairman for the drive.

WHICH ARE YOU?

I saw them tearing a building down. A gang of men in a busy town. With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell. They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are those men skilled, As the men you would hire if you had to build?" He laughed and said, "No, indeed! Just common labor is all I need. I can easily wreck in a day or two. What builders have taken a year to do."

I asked myself as I went my way, "Which of these roles have I tried to play?"

Am I a builder who works with care, Measuring life by the rule and square. Or am I a wrecker who walks the town, Content with the labor of tearing down?"

—Anonymous.

Mother: "Johnnie, dear, I was hoping you would be unselfish enough to give your little sister the largest piece of candy. Why, even that old hen will give all the nicest dainties to her little chicks and only take a tiny one once in a while for herself."

Johnnie (after watching the old hen for a while): "Well, Mom, I'd do the same thing if it was worms."

Many now living in the Crows' Nest Pass will remember Ralph Madison, known popularly as "The Singing Miner." Well, Ralph passed away at his home near Springhill, Nova Scotia, on Saturday last. His wife predeceased him some years ago. A son survives him, residing in Montreal. He is also survived by a brother, John Madison, residing in West Blaimore. Many years ago, while Ralph worked at Hillcrest, he entertained large audiences in Pass theatres.

CHRISTMAS DAY

IT IS not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius (131 B.C. to A.D.). The reason for the final choice of the number 25 cannot now be determined. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the day begins to increase, and light to triumph over darkness, was clung into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life.

The Christmas Carolers Are Welcome Everywhere

It is not only the carolers who are welcome everywhere. So it used to be. Young men pressed against the windup door, straining to hear the cheerful carols outside. Perhaps this was the story of the Christ child put to tune or a ballad of love and cheer. When the singers were done the householder invited them in for a bite and a sup or gave them a coin or two for their song.

Then on to the next house, to sing again under the stars or veiled behind shifed snow.

An then, in the early morning, home again to their own firesides. It was a good old custom, this "hallowed minstrelsy" in the season of peace and goodwill. "With the beginning of Yuletide twelve days before Christmas day," as Perceval Chubb tells us in the Standard, published in New York by the American Ethical Union, "small bands of musicians went the rounds and in the mire or on the road or on the steps, played the old folk tunes as a lyrical prelude to the great day." To some of the ancient ballads, like "Gods King Wenceslaus," says Mr. Chubb, the singers would add a hymn tune or two—"Once in David's Royal City, or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." "Punctuating the bustle of domestic preparation for the coming feast, these ministrations in the still night gave a breath of poetry that touched the spirit of Christmas with an endearing beauty. Day by day the tide of joyous anticipation rose until the very creak broke into a force of exuberance."

Those simple days of the folk are gone, says Mr. Chubb; the glory is departed.

But the custom of making the rounds on Christmas eve to sing carols of peace and good will on earth still prevails here and there—Literary Digest.

Make Christmas Burden, Be Unhappy Rest of Year

IT IS so customary nowadays to hear disparagement of Christmas as a season of vanity, selfish display, greed and covetousness that we like to point out the other side. Some of our critics declare that Christmas gifts are themselves dictated by self interest—that they are merely offered in the hope of a return with interest—or are an exhibition of vanity. And yet, who would dare to say this of a mother, who deprives her self to give happiness to her children, or of the girl who willingly foregoes some little vanity for the pleas-ure of her parents? People who make Christmas a burden and a tax show the same attitude throughout the year—their own false standards of living are to blame, and not this holy festival.—Herald, New-Yorker.

Norway, Sweden Babies Are Loaded With Gifts

IN MANY districts of Norway and Sweden every baby born on Christmas day is the recipient of many gifts and bounties from all quarters. He receives a bounty from both the ecclesiastical and civil authorities, and in some districts these bounties amount to a considerable amount of money, which is generally invested until the child is of age.

The children that are born to some of the people in Naples on this happy day are visited by "Wise men"—who are selected by some philanthropic society—and are presented with imitation stones which are valued highly by the children in later years, even supernatural qualities being ascribed to them.

EXCHANGED PRESENTS



"What makes Dobbs so angry?" "He gave Christmas cards instead of presents to all of his friends." "Well?" "They did the same to him."

May this Christmas bring you all Happiness
and may the New Year bring
Prosperity

MEADOW SWEET DAIRIES, LTD.

Phone 138m Use "Pasteurized" Milk Bellevue

Sincere Greetings to All Patrons

Wishing Everybody
the Compliments of the Season

IRONSIDE & PARK

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May the New Year Bring you Prosperity and
this Christmas be a Merry One

KUBIK'S

Clothing Store Food Store
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To the People of the Crows' Nest Pass we extend
New Year Greetings and wish Everyone
a Bright and Prosperous 1941

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J. H. Green, Proprietor

Dodge, DeSoto, Hudson Cars and Trucks - Service, Gas and Oil
BELLEVUE and COLEMAN

Wishing One and All
"A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

To you, all good friends, who have done so much to
make this a year of pleasant associations,
heartiest wishes are extended for a
Happier and More Prosperous New Year

E. O. DUKE, M.L.A.

Pincher Creek - Crows' Nest Constituency
December 20th, 1940. Hillcrest, Alberta.



If Christmas finds you Happy and leaves you Glad,
then will the Yuletide Season have fulfilled our most ardent desire

THE COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

"Merry Christmas"

Editor The Enterprise:

As we draw near the close of another year, may we extend to you and yours our grateful appreciation for your co-operation throughout the year. To you and yours we extend Christmas Greetings and may the coming year bring to this troubled world a new era of lasting Peace and Good Will.

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Again we thank our many Customers in the Crows' Nest Pass for Patronage during 1940 and wish you one and all the Compliments of the Season

Central Meat Market

Venc Krivsky, Prop. — Phone 294

BLAIRMORE

ALBERTA

We wish you a Merry Christmas, right heartily:

Lots of friends to give you greeting;

A season filled with blessings

BELLEVUE INN

T. H. Duncan, Prop.

BELLEVUE

ALBERTA

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

CALLS FOR

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Mindful of the modern trend to sensible moderation, wise hosts will include ALBERTA BEER on their refreshment list for holiday entertaining.

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"the BEST BEERS MADE"

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THE DISHPAN PHILOSOPHER

I wonder what we're going to do, with Christmas coming into view, and half the world seems down and out with nothing to be glad about. There's peace and plenty just right here, but somehow, war seems awful near. The places where bombs whine and roar seem lots of times are right next door. And while close neighbors suffer so, it doesn't seem quite right to go and make a lot of Christmas fuss, though young folks, anyway with us, will find it hard to understand if Christmas comes with nothing planned. And then, of course, if soldiers come on leave we mustn't be too glum. So, maybe I might just prepare a little bit of Christmas fare; and if the young folks do have fun, I guess the war will soon be won.

"OUR FINEST HOUR"

When the Old Lion roars and the Cubs respond,
And the sea is alive with ships
From the Gaspe Coast to the Coral Sea
And the Empire's furthest tips;
Then our ruthless foe would do well to know
That the claws of the Cubs are keen

When they rush to defend the Motherland
And the oceans in between.
Our foes are aghast when the air is filled
With Lions who have taken wings;
They flinch from the fire of the Cubs who come
From the land where Freedom clings.
Italians and Huns, go muster your guns,
You will need them all, I fear;
For Britain fights with her back to the wall,
For the things that men hold dear.

Gloat now in the crunch of your grinding heel
That's poised o'er this vast Domain;
It will never descend on Britain's soil
Nor trample the world again.
For you've roused the ire of the whole Empire,
And the sons of Freedom tower
Like a wall of stone, defending the Throne,
In this, "Our Finest Hour."

—Fred C. Williams, Publisher
Creelman (Sask.) Gazette.
Mr. W. R. Bradley, field supervisor for the Mill Owners Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Iowa, was in town from Calgary the early part of the week.

A TRIBUTE FROM THE PREMIER

Edmonton, Dec. 12, 1940.
In the death of Mr. Justice McGillivray, which has come as a terrible shock, Alberta has lost not only a very capable jurist, but one of her most brilliant minds. My acquaintance with him extends back many years to the time when he was in private law practice in Calgary. Even then he was recognized as a valuable power for leadership of thought and which, in a brief space of time, elevated him to a position of prominence in the Alberta legislature. As a member of the house he gained the respect and admiration of his associates for his vigorous method of address and his keen insight into problems which faced the people and the country. As a jurist he has always upheld the high traditions of the bench to which he brought his full capacity of balanced judgment, knowledge of the law and a deep understanding of human nature. I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Vivian McPherson
Attorney-General.

MOTORISTS' DECALOGUE

Thou shalt have but one driver, and that one a good one, at the wheel.
Thou shalt not make false traffic signals, false laws nor serve them, but shall obey all traffic signals and the law. Stop, look and listen.
Thou shalt not study the law in vain, for thou shalt not be held guiltless if thou art ignorant of the law. Remember every day to drive carefully. Be courteous to all sons, daughters, servants, animals and strangers, that every day may be free from accident.
Honor thy fellow motorist, that thy days may be 'ong upon the highways which the state giveth thee.
Thou shalt not injure, kill, be unjust or inconsiderate.
Thou shalt not muddle thy brain with intoxicants, sleep, carelessness or any other enemy that hinders thy alertness.
Thou shalt not steal thy fellow motorist's part of the road.
Thou shalt not bear down upon thy fellow motorist or pedestrian unaware, nor blind him with glaring lights.
Thou shalt not covet thy fellow motorist's place or anything that belongs to him. Safety first takes no chances on sorrow. Mind your own business for conscience's sake, and above all, be courteous.

Each Day Reminds us that to You belongs the Thanks for our Merry Christmas.

ZAK'S MEAT MARKETS

COLEMAN, Phone 53

Phone 188a, BELLEVUE

Heartiest Wishes for Your Health and Happiness throughout the Christmas Season and the New Year

GEORGE PATTINSON

Hardware

COLEMAN

ALBERTA

Wishing Everybody
The Compliments of the Season

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ALBERTA

To the People of the Crows' Nest Pass and District, We Extend Hearty Season's Greetings

CRYSTAL DAIRY LIMITED

LETHBRIDGE

ALBERTA

Heartiest Season's Greetings to all our Patrons and Friends

S. J. PURDY

"COAL"

LUNDBRECK

ALBERTA

In full appreciation of your friendly patronage, Best Wishes are Extended for a Very Merry Christmas this year and a most Happy Time during 1941

COLE'S THEATRES

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HEARTIEST GREETINGS
and Sincere Good Wishes
for Christmas and the Coming Year
to all

QUALITY MEAT MARKET

A. Place, Prop. — Phone 189w

BELLEVUE

ALBERTA

To extend to you Friendly Greetings for Christmas and Wish You Joy and Prosperity in the New Year

S. J. LAMEY

INSURANCE
Residence Phone 103

BLAIRMORE

ALBERTA

The best we can wish for is that, until we wish again, we remain as good friends as we have in the past

CROWS' NEST BOTTLING WORKS

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MONOGRAM

CANADIAN

RYE WHISKY

40 oz. \$3.75; 25 oz. \$2.62
13 oz. \$1.40

FIVE SCOTS

WHISKY

25 oz. \$3.00

MONOGRAM

LONDON DRY

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25 oz. \$2.50; 12 oz. \$1.25

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Christmas Carols Are Handed Down the Years

Do You Know Who Wrote Them?

WONDER (writes Walter G. Hartland) if you will sing "Adest templum floridum" this Christmas! Most of us know this very familiar tune better as "Good King Wenceslas." All the same, "Adest templum floridum," which means "Now the time of flowers is here," is the name of the original melody, which, composed more than 350 years ago, was given its present words by a clergyman in the nineteenth century.

You may remark that "Now the time of flowers is here" does not sound very Christmasy. True, for this carol was not a Christmas carol at all, but a hymn to the Spring. Most of our carols, in fact, had a non-religious origin.

Even the words we now sing to "Good King Wenceslas" really refer to St. Stephen's day, Dec. 26th. Who, anyway, was King Wenceslas? He was the patron saint of Bohemia.

Bohemia, which became part of the independent Czechoslovak state after the Great War, was under the sway of the Holy Roman Empire, which became the reigning duke of Prague in 925, was brought up as a Christian by his grandmother, and he founded many churches in his dukedom. But his attempt to convert his subjects to Christianity led to his assassination four years later by his younger brother, Boleslav.



Printed in 1521

We might never have discovered many of the older carols, but for the broadsheets on which they were crudely printed, and hawked round the country by wandering singers and minstrels. And the words of a great number of carols were unknown until the year 1850, when a valuable old book, now in the library of Balliol College, Oxford, was found behind a bookcase.

This book was the private memorandum of Richard Hill, a London grocer, who, between the years 1500 and 1535, noted down tables of weights, dates of fairs, musical prescriptions, cookery recipes, dates of his children's births, riddles, puzzles, and poems in English, French and Latin, items on how to break in horses, and a number of carols.

"The Boar's Head Carol," the oldest printed Christmas carol we have (Wyndyke de Worde, an apprentice of Caxton, printed it in 1521). It is still sung annually at Queen's College, Oxford, as the boar's head is carried in solemn procession into the hall on Christmas Day.

Written For Daughter

It was a drunken poet laureate in the time of Dryden, who wrote "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn," is the work of John Walworth, who was organist of the Manchester Collegiate Church until his death in 1768. He wrote it for his little daughter, Dolly, who found it on her breakfast plate on the Christmas morning of 1745.

Charles Wesley, younger brother



of John Wesley, the famous eighteenth century evangelist, was a great composer of hymns and carols. He wrote over a thousand of them, and the one which is most popular during the Christmas season is "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." This was an early work of the man who, by encouraging his fellow students at Oxford to "observe the method of study prescribed by the statutes of the university," introduced the Methodist creed which his elder brother carried far and wide.

Did you know that a very popular Christmas carol, "The Little Boy Who Wrote the Carol," by Dean Farrar, was written by the period that Dean Farrar was headmaster at Harrow he wrote "In the Fields With Their Flocks Abiding" for the boys.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" emanates from the Oxford religious movement of the middle of the last century, but its Latin original, "Adeste Fideles," is of much older date. And "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was actually written by Phillips Brooks in Bethlehem on Christmas Day, 1856.

That picturesque figure in the world of Victorian poetry, Christina Rossetti, wrote one of the loveliest of Christmas hymns—"Love Came Down at Christmas."

Christmas Will Live

Cecil Francis Alexander, wife of William Alexander, the Irish divine, produced a great number of hymns. She wrote "O Come, All Ye Faithful" for her children over eighty years ago. This carol appeared in a book of hymns and carols for children which ran into a hundred editions.

The American contribution to this type of music is comparatively recent because the Pilgrim Fathers, notwithstanding the Puritan view of the observance of Christmas, naturally took no carols to the New World. But carols are now sung in America as much as they are in England. "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" is an American carol; so is "We Three Kings of Orient Are," which was composed by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Hopkins, of Williamsport, in 1857.

Neither war nor the secular religion of the dictator states can finally cut out these traditional observances at Christmas-time.

Babes In The Wood

Pantomime Story Is Really Founded On Fact

SOME pantomimes are founded on fact. When Edward IV was king, a well-known Norfolk gentleman named De Weyland made a will on his deathbed in favor of his two children. The boy was four and the girl two, so their father left them in the guardianship of his brother, who was to inherit the money if they died first.

Sad Ending

The children disappeared and the uncle came into the money; then, some years later, the truth came out. A highwayman was arrested and, at his trial, declared that he and another robber had been paid to murder the children. They had been taken to Walling Wood, near Thetford; here the prisoner became sorry for them, killed the second robber, and went off to get food.

While he was absent, the children wandered from where he had left them, got lost, and finally died of starvation. On this story the "Babes in the Wood" was founded.

Everyone is familiar with Dick Whittington's cat. Dick, who came to London as a poor Lancashire lad, made his fortune by trading in a low, squat kind of ship, known as a "cat." That is the origin of the pantomime cat. He was Lord Mayor in 1397, 1406, 1419, and married his master's daughter in proper romantic style.

How Did It All Start?

Most Customs Date Back to Days of Long Ago

FROM what dim past did the tradition of Santa Claus come? Why are so many millions of dollars now spent on Christmas presents and millions of Christmas cards sent by friends to friends? How did the idea start? Why the combination of turkey and plum pudding, of candles and Christmas trees? How did all the glamor of the year's greatest holiday come about? Back of the present holiday season is one of the most curiously mixed and interesting chapters in all history.

Strange Ideas

References to Christmas appear in some of the oldest writings. Virgil describes the Christmas tree very clearly and its decorations of toys and dolls; and present-giving to one and all in a festive season of the Romans. In 1557, Thomas Tusser, an early English writer, after pronouncing the sound fact that "Christmas comes but once a year," recommended:

"At Christmas be merry and thankful withal, And feast thy poor neighbors, With the small."

In those days people evidently had more time for proper holidaying, for revelries started around the washtub a week ahead of Christmas and continued until well into the New Year.

Many strange superstitions were practiced. Unmarried girls would take turns calling at the pig-sty door. If a small pig answered first, her husband would be a young man; but if the great hog grunted, she would marry an old man.

Servant girls in some parts of the country could claim the privilege of staying in bed on Christmas morning while the mistress did the work.

Decorating churches and homes at Christmas time is a very old custom. Mistletoe was greatly revered by the old Druid monks of England. It was gathered by them at Yuletide, cut by the priest in white raiment using a golden knife. The Celts and Goths also venerated the mistletoe. In Scandinavia the holy or holly tree is called Christ's Thorn, from its dedication to Christmas, and church decorations and because its berries appear at Christmas time.

10,000 Guests

In the earliest Christmas days the day of Christmas actually varied from March and April to December.



The Emperor Julius I set December 25 as the date sometime around 340 A.D.

English kings from the reign of King John to that of Edward IV celebrated Christmas in Westminster Hall, as the Palace of Westminster was at that time the royal residence. Richard II personally entertained 10,000 persons there, wearing his crown and a cloth of gold robe embroidered with precious stones.

The boar's head was then the chief dish, and not the turkey. Splendidly garlanded, borne aloft on a gold dish, and heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, it was followed by a procession of knights and ladies who sang the famous Boar's Head Carol, the music of which is still in existence.

Roast peacocks, elaborately decorated, were also served; but mince pies and Christmas pudding are of later date.

Kissing under the mistletoe had its origin in Scandinavian mythology.

The boxes originally placed in churches for voluntary contributions were called Christmas boxes, as on Christmas Day they were opened and their contents distributed next day—Boxing Day.

Star of East

December 6 is the actual birthday of St. Nicholas, the original of Santa Claus, who is credited with the visits to children with presents. In Scandinavian countries, these presents were a reward for children who had been of good conduct during the past year, rather than the one of the adjuncts of Christmastime itself.



Festive Season Meant Imprisonment or Death

Puritans Tried To Kill Christmas

STRANGE indeed was the Christmas Day that dawned, grey and gloomy, in 1644. Strange and terrible and sad. For Merrie Olde England, where the Yuletide had always been ushered in with hearth-fires and steaming ale and the happy laughter of children, was cloaked in awe and sorrow. The celebration of Christmas had become a black sin!

By edict of Parliament, the occasion had been proclaimed a crime almost as dire as murder!

Helpless People

A heavier fog than usual blanketed London. The thick mists rising from the Thames took on the ugly features of writhing demons. Homes were dark and silent. Even the streets were bare of holly berries and green boughs and tiny flickering candles. A dread chill hung in the air, which was not caused by the sudden covering of snow that hid the cobblestones. This was Christmas morning, yet there was to be no Christmas! Warnings aplenty had been issued to the townsfolk, and whoever dared the wrath of the stern Parliament sitting determinedly at Westminster took liberty and even life in his hands.

The facts (writes Robert M. Hyatt) are only to be found in the few existing news-books printed during the winter of 1647 in England.

That dark year of 1647 saw wartime England suffering from unemployment, exorbitant taxes, crop failure.

In the seven years of their assembly, the strict Puritan Parliament had dictated outlandish laws to almost helpless people. Its rabid members had sought to suppress worldly pleasures. They had succeeded—even to the closing of all theatres, forbidding puppet shows, animal fights, and Sunday boating on the Thames. They had gone so far as to remove the organs from every church, deeming them as distractions to the long, wearisome sermons. And now they champed at the bit for new evils to abolish.

Glooms—By Order

That they seized upon the festive Christmas as an opportunity to display their narrow-mindedness is not strange, when one is acquainted with the facts surrounding this intensely moral body. And that such a

stupid edict took from their people the one and only form of joyous expression left to them made no difference.

It all came about in this manner: At one of their sittings a member spoke up: "What about this Popish festival called Christmas?"

Mutant eyes lighted up at once. Shaggy heads got together, wagging profoundly. Aye, what about it, indeed? The whole ceremony reeked of the church rituals they had driven out of the country.

Sullen mutterings went around the group. Mutterings that quickly swelled to an ominous rumble. In solemn dignity, this serious-minded Parliament debated the matter of Christmas and voted it "an evil of heretics." It was a sacrilege! They would forthwith put a ban on it!

They abolished every Yuletide ceremony. Churches were closed on that day, bay leaves and holly were taboo, and all merry-making and feasting, either in public or private, was forbidden under dire threat of the law. Severe penalties were imposed for any observance of this "pagan, Romish custom."

The laws were so strict that women were arrested for making plum puddings, men were fined and imprisoned for lighting Yule logs; and a whole force of Government



spies sleuthed about for clergymen who dared to preach Christmas sermons!

Thus it came about that there was little merriment in Merrie England. Throughout all this ancient land, where Yuletide had for centuries been ushered in with joyous feasting and happy gatherings, there was gloom and fear.

To be sure, a few bold souls dared to break the law against puddings and other tasty things. But those who did feasted hurriedly and fearfully, with one eye on their plates and another on the door, where at any moment a Parliament spy might appear.

A few courageous ministers dared to mount their pulpits on that day, and forthwith became martyrs to the cause of Christmas worship. Occasionally sullen and unhappy workmen vented their anger in small riots. But quick justice, or injustice, was meted out to the disobedient.

The Royalist press was loud in its discontent. The Roundhead journalists approved the law and offered little comment. A system of strict censorship prevailed purposely to destroy Royalist journalism. Yet they failed.

By imposing heavy fines on printers and writers, and by offering rewards for their arrests, Parliament cut short the lives of many Royalist pamphlets. The three leading ones, however—"Mercurius Pragmaticus," "Mercurius Melancholicus" and "Mercurius Eleticus"—managed to survive two troublous years. Often a substitute served on these sheets while the regular writer did his turn in Newgate Prison.



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If this weather continues, Santa Claus should reach Blairmore on time.

Twenty years ago, J. W. Gresham was appointed police magistrate for this district.

No wonder a hen gets broody and downhearted. She can never find things where she lays them.

Porridge disappears from a Scotchman's breakfast table at the rate of sixteen tablespoonfuls a minute.

Cecil Gower, former Coleman business man, died at Kamloops about two weeks ago, aged 68. He left Coleman in 1916.

Hungarian partridge are reported on the decrease in Saskatchewan, while chukar partridge are said to be greatly on the increase.

The first straight car of alfalfa seed ever to be shipped from Athabasca went out recently, and brought a good return to farmers, as the car graded number one and netted \$12.75 per hundred pounds.

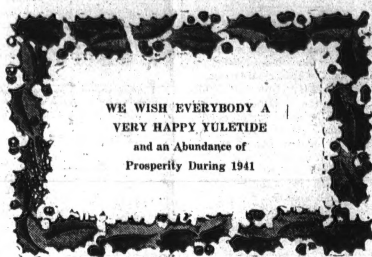
A. B. Trites, formerly of Fernie, has disposed of some more of his B. C. mining properties, this time to a Washington corporation. Less than two years ago, Mr. Trites sold a property to a Seattle-Vancouver group for \$300,000.

Flying Officer Hardie G. de Forest, of Drumheller, who was reported missing in operations over Germany last week, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a cable received from the air ministry by the parents on Friday.

Several large piles of locomotive coal in storage for use of the railways have been treated to a surface coating of crushed rock salt. The purpose is to prevent coal caking into large lumps during heavy frost, such lumps proving troublesome in handling.

Three Christmases are celebrated every year in the Church of Nativity at Bethlehem. The first occurs in the Roman Catholic section on December 25; thirteen days later the Greek Orthodox church hold their celebrations, to be followed in another thirteen days by those of the Armenian church.

In the opinion of the attorney-general's department of our fair province, it is not an offence against the Defence of Canada regulations for school children not to salute the flag—the Union Jack. It may not be an offence, but any child living in a country such as Canada, free from Dictatorship, should be jolly-very glad to raise his hand to his forehead every morning in gratitude, when standing before that noble emblem of freedom—Drumheller Mail.



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One feels almost inclined to ask if the three per cent bonus being paid by the treasury branches on Alberta-made goods is anything but stolen property. It eventually comes from the people's treasury, and was not intended for treasury house purposes.

At a meeting of Protestant clergy, held at Macleod last week, a ministerial association, was formed with Rev. R. Erskine Pow, of Pincher Creek, as chairman, and Rev. R. Axon, of Macleod, as secretary-treasurer. The next meeting is to be held at Pincher Creek on January 13th. Representatives of the United and Anglican churches and the Salvation Army this district.

First merchant: "I have a book-keeper in my office who has gone gray in my service."

Second Merchant: "That's nothing, old lad. Miss Smith there has gone brown, blonde and titan red in my service."

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BLAIRMORE : ALBERTA

Gordon Porter, well known Alberta hotelman and member of the executive of the Alberta Hotel Men's Association, passed away suddenly in Edmonton on Friday evening. He owned three hotels, one in Edmonton, and the Arlington and Alexandra in Lethbridge.

Jap oranges are banned by the following Southern Alberta fruit and vegetable jobbers: N. A. Barker, Ltd.; Scott Fruit, Ltd.; National Fruit Co.; Plunkett & Savage; Scott Fruit Co.; Western Grocers, Ltd., Calgary; Plunkett & Savage; Scott Fruit Co.; Western Grocers, Ltd., Lethbridge, and Dominion Fruit, Ltd., and National Fruit Co., Medicine Hat.

"Before I married," said her father, "I made sure I had reasonably good prospects."

Suitor: "Well, sir, there's your town house, your two cars, and the clothes you lavish on your daughter. I think the prospects are excellent."



Mark Sartoris has set aside the crutches and is now able to be around as usual.

Rev. Dr. C. C. McLaurin has been quite ill at his home in Calgary for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Passmore leave Tuesday for Cranbrook to spend the Christmas holidays.

Willkie says that 75 per cent of Canadians were against him in his recent bid for the U.S. presidency.

If all the automobiles in Canada were placed end to end, it would be Sunday afternoon—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Miss Helen Tompkins, of the Nelson hospital staff, has been a visitor for the past two weeks, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tompkins, State Street.

An American magazine comments on the raising of fertilizer and manure in the States and Canada. Over in Italy and Germany the matter is simply dropped.

At a meeting held last week in Mr. Moffatt's rooms it was decided to form a male voice choir. Quite a number were in attendance and considerable talent is available. Practices will be held each week.

They had met at a funeral to say farewell to a mutual friend who had passed on. Said one, "My, doesn't he look fine?" "Well, why shouldn't he look fine," said the other; "didn't he spend the winter in Bermuda?"

The women of Britain are going without new silk stockings this winter to supply the increasing demand from overseas for British furnishing fabrics. Despite the temporary loss of important markets, including Scandinavia, the makers of these fabrics are sending abroad today more than they did before the war.

Approaching of the Christmas season recalls many past pleasant memories. Some fifty years ago or more, we borrowed the largest stocking in our community, and hung it with the others on the mantel over the big open fire place. We woke up about 6 a.m. on Christmas Day to gather the stocking, and found that a large coconut had fallen through a small hole in the heel, and that a nine-pound turnip became jammed but halfway through. Confections and so on were o.k. on top of the vegetable. In our haste to return the stocking to the kind old lady, we forgot to thank her for its use. Now, fifty years later, we are forwarding her a card, but are not sure whether her address is up or down.

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